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Introduction

This research was undertaken by the Policy Clinic, which is part of the Open Justice Centre, Open University Law School. Open Justice provides free legal advice and education to members of the public in a variety of legal areas. In 2019 Open Justice established the Policy Clinic to undertake research on behalf of organisations and charities. The purpose of the Policy Clinic is to provide research and evidence, aiming to influence policy and law reform. All work in the Policy Clinic is overseen by experienced Open University tutors who have a background in policy and advocacy work. The students taking part in the policy clinic are in the final year of their law degree.

This research was undertaken for the Law Commission's project '*Weddings*', which is currently considering possible reforms to the law regarding how people may get married in England and Wales. As the primary law governing marriage dates back to 1836, there are concerns that marriages have not kept up with modern times. Many people find that their marriages do not possess legal status at the time of relationship breakdown. Between 2016 and 2018, Dr Stephanie Pywell worked alongside Professor Rebecca Probert on research into the content of civil wedding ceremonies. She has also researched the cost and availability of 'no frills' civil wedding ceremonies. Following on from the research by Stephanie Pywell, we performed quantitative, empirical research on the costs of wedding ceremonies at approved non-religious venues within a selection of authorities. We then analysed the data for any possible trends, including the possibility of trends within different authorities or within geographical locations within England and Wales.

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Background and aims of the study

The current law governing marriage dates back to the Act for Marriages in England 1836. Should a couple not comply with the legal requirements laid out within this almost two-centuries-old Act, the marriage is not legally recognised, which can happen for religious and non-religious ceremonies. This is often only discovered at the time of a breakdown with the relationship. At this point, couples have no legal status or protection as such. Under the law itself, the couples are not even seen as being married.

Stephanie Pywell has produced a large amount of research into the field of weddings themselves. Between 2016 and 2018, she worked with Professor Rebecca Probert on exploring the content of civil ceremonies. Following this, and Professor Probert being seconded to the Law Commission, Stephanie Pywell continued to research further into the cost and availability of ‘no frills’ ceremonies, otherwise referred to as simple ceremonies throughout this report. In 2020, she carried out empirical research into independent ‘wedding celebrants’, who conduct ceremonies with no legal status. The Law Commission used this in their report *Getting Married: A Consultation Paper on Weddings Law*, published in September of that year.

The Law Commission itself is currently undertaking a project called *Weddings*, within which it is considering possible reforms necessary to the law regarding how people may get married. This project aims to simplify the law regarding weddings and ensure a fair, consistent approach across the country towards them to ensure that people can have a wedding day with meaning to them. The Law Commission has made several suggestions, including a simplified process to give notice and the ability to hold wedding ceremonies in outdoor spaces.

All local authorities within England and Wales must provide civil weddings ceremonies, which must be at approved venues, including non-religious venues such as hotels. However, the cost and availability of holding these ceremonies differ based upon the authority itself, with varying costs throughout the different local authorities. These costs also differ based upon the venue utilised for the ceremony, and other factors, such as the day of the week in which the ceremony takes place.

This report aims to examine a selection of different local authorities, noting down the costs of holding a ceremony within each of these authorities and any factors that also influence a varying cost. Following this, the data was further analysed to check for any relevant trends.

Research method

The data used for the research came from publicly available sources. These included local authorities' websites, the UK government's website, and data from the Office for National Statistics.

We gathered a list of all the authorities and then used Excel to choose one hundred authorities from the list randomly. We then checked to see if Stephanie Pywell's original 34 authorities were included and added them in. Excel was then used again to randomise any shortage to ensure we had 120 authorities. The data from each authority was then gathered from their respective websites and used to fill out the spreadsheet. The full spreadsheet and its sources are found in Appendix I and III, respectively. The comments for the data are located in Appendix II.

After discovering a variation in the costs, we split the analysis up into potential areas that could affect the cost of weddings, such as authority finances, tourism, and what type of authority it was, to see if there were any correlations to explain why there were such significant differences in the costs.

One of the significant hurdles which we came across was up to date data that was relevant due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Authorities update their costs every year on 1st April, but many had not done so since the start of the pandemic at the time of research. The most up to date information was used in each case. For some authorities, this was for the period 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020, whereas for others, it was for the period 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021. Some authorities had even completely removed the information from their pages and replaced it with what they were able to offer during the pandemic in line with government regulations at the time. For this reason, the finances used for the analysis were from the financial year 2017/2018 as, in most cases, these were the only ones available and audited since the pandemic also delayed many of the audits.

In some cases, councils did not list the information and required contact to get the information.

Finding information on tourism for each authority proved difficult, and as such, it was done on a regional basis.

Results

Current legislation states that each local authority must provide a service for marriages. Weddings can only take place indoors at licenced venues. Furthermore, authorities are required to provide the option for a basic ‘no frills’ ceremony, which is usually referred to as a simple ceremony or a statutory ceremony, at a set cost. Currently, the cost for this is £46. Many authorities charge this at £57 and include a marriage certificate. A marriage certificate costs £11 per certificate.

Some authorities (22 in total, see Appendix VI) do not list the simple ceremony as an option, whereas others only offer it at certain times on specific days, e.g. only two available at 10:00 and 11:00 on a Tuesday. While it is not listed in some cases, this does not mean that it is not offered. It is possible that if the authority were contacted and queried about it, they would have been able to confirm whether they provide it and at what times.

There is no statutory regulation regarding what authorities can charge for ceremonies at licenced, non-religious venues. This leads to some significant variances between what authorities can charge.

The most popular day for weddings is a Saturday, as shown by data from the Office for National Statistics (“ONS”). This is usually the second or third most expensive day for most authorities, the most expensive generally being Sundays and bank holidays.

Simple ceremony fees, also known as statutory ceremonies, were included to see how authorities charge for them and how easy they would be to find. In many instances, most authorities charge £46, which is the fee set by law. Others charge £57, including the marriage certificate, which is £11 and, again, a charge set by law. There is some variation though. Richmond upon Thames charges £68 and includes two certificates. The two outliers seem to be Warrington Borough Council and The London Borough of Enfield. Warrington lists a charge for a simple ceremony as £160. However, this is in their ‘Ceremony Room’, so it is unclear if it is an approved venue or overcharging. Enfield states the charge as £107 and clearly defines it as a statutory ceremony. The fees were not publicly available or easy to find in the case of thirty-three authorities.

As shown in the analysis in the following section, there does appear to be a slight correlation between authorities that charge more and ones that charge less within their respective authority types, unitary authority, metropolitan district, Welsh unitary authority, county council, and London borough.

Analysis

Analysis of the Raw Data

The raw data from the table in Appendix I will be analysed first before further analysis.

The following graph shows the average cost for ceremonies, broken down by the type of authority:

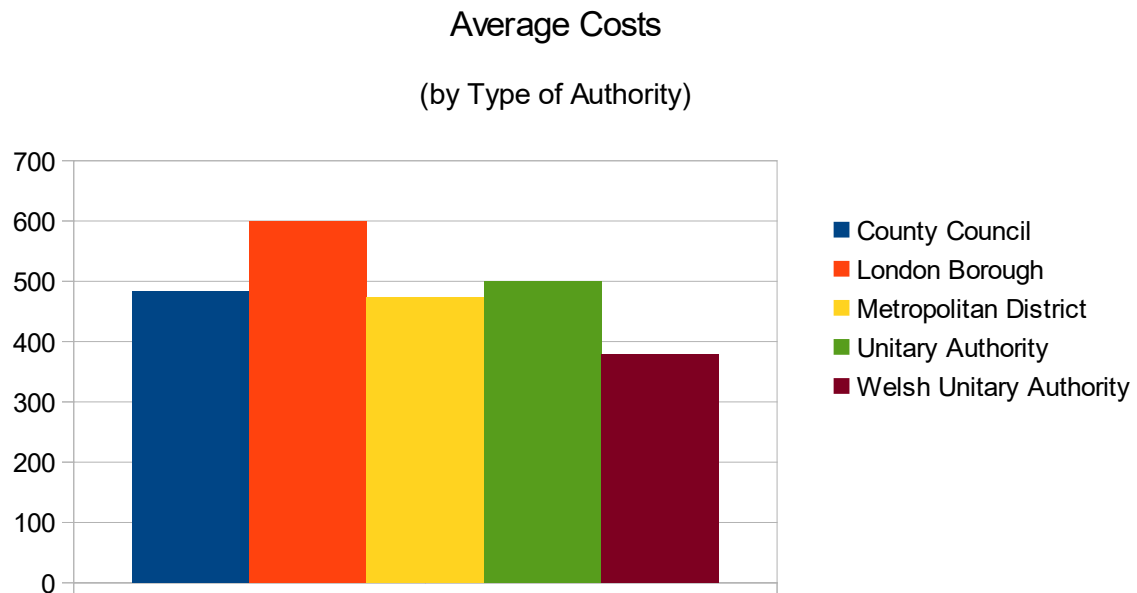


Figure 1: Graph showing average costs by type of authority

The highest average costs are within the London Boroughs, with the Welsh Unitary Authorities averaging over £200 less from the authorities selected.

There are, however, a range of costs for each of the authorities. The following graph shows both the lowest actual cost within the authority as well as the highest actual cost:

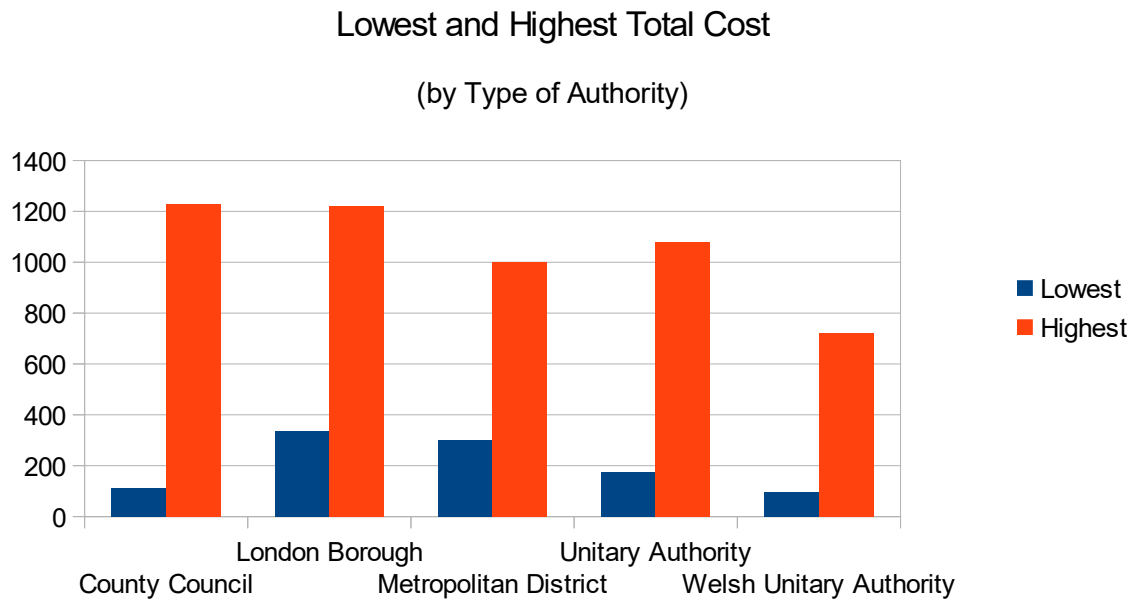


Figure 2: Graph showing lowest and highest total cost by type of authority

These figures are from:

County Council: Cumbria (Lowest), Staffordshire (Highest)

London Borough: Barnet (Lowest), Tower Hamlets (Highest)

Metropolitan District: Doncaster Borough Council and Salford City Council (Lowest), Stockport Borough Council (Highest)

Unitary Authority: Slough Borough Council (Lowest), Portsmouth City Council (Highest)

Welsh Unitary Authority: Powys County Council (Lowest), Pembrokeshire County Council (Highest)

Out of these authorities, the first and second highest cost was seen in Staffordshire, a County Council, at £1230, and Tower Hamlets, a London Borough, at £1221. The two lowest costs, however, were both seen within the Welsh Unitary Authorities, with Powys County Council at £95 and Carmarthenshire County Council at £100. The lowest cost which was not from a Welsh Unitary Authority, was seen in the county council of Cumbria, at £110.

The following graph breaks down the average cost by the geographic location within England and Wales:

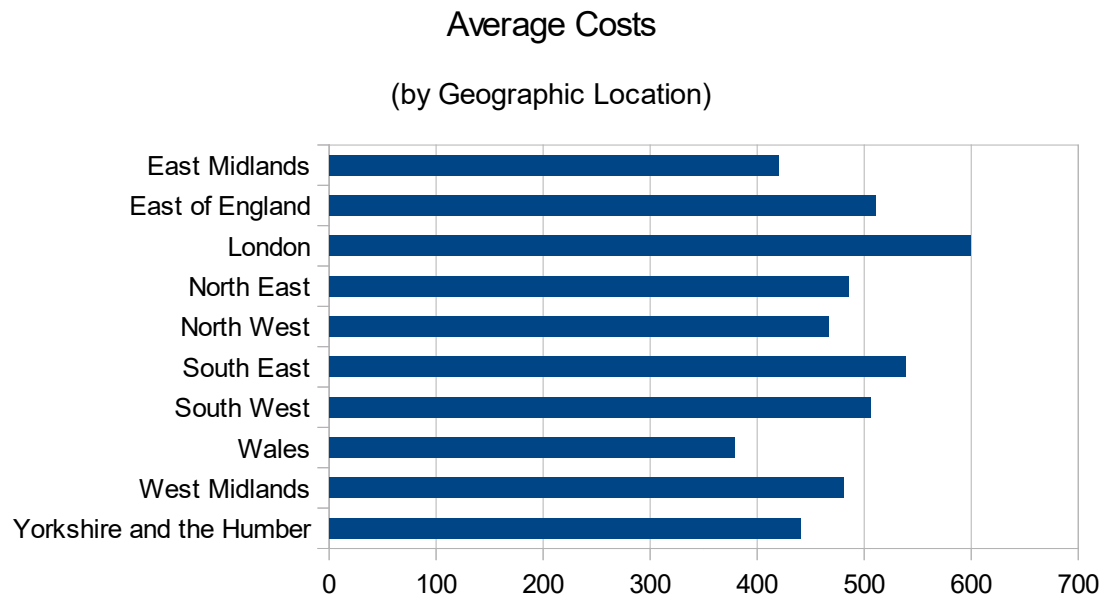


Figure 3: Graph showing average costs by geographic location

Excluding Wales and London (which are both the lowest and highest respectively), the East Midlands and the South East are both the lowest and highest respective average costs, with the remaining geographic areas showing a minor difference in costs.

The range of figures is once again shown for each geographic area, with the highest and lowest actual costs, in the following graph:

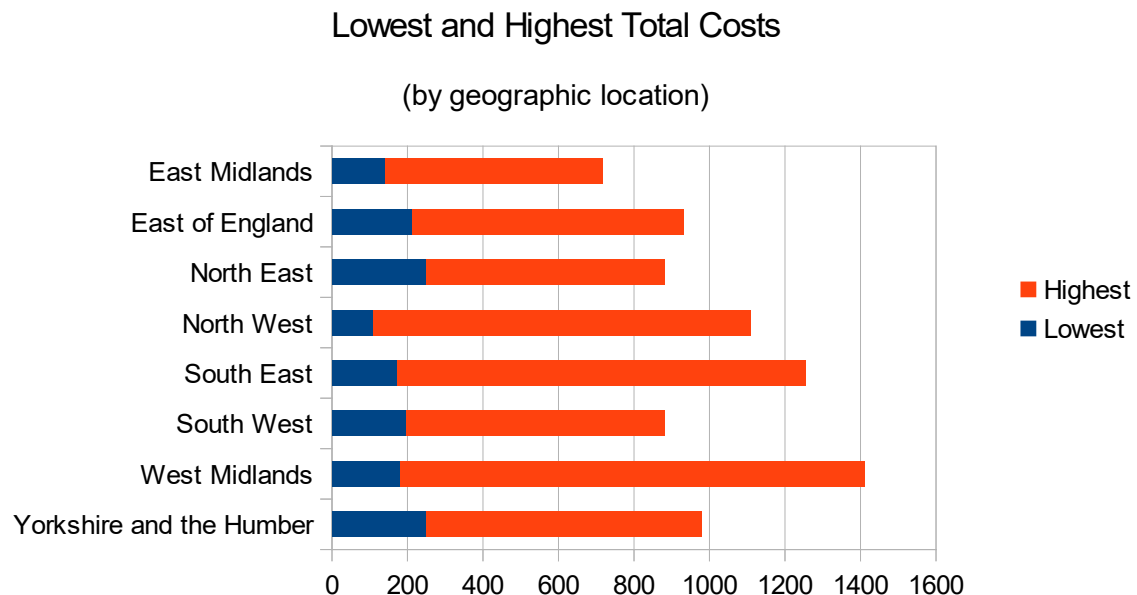


Figure 4: Graph showing lowest and highest total costs by geographic location

These figures are from:

East Midlands: Leicestershire (Lowest), Northamptonshire (Highest)

East of England: Essex (Lowest), Hertfordshire (Highest)

North East: North Yorkshire (Lowest), Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (Highest)

North West: Cumbria (Lowest), Stockport Borough Council (Highest)

South East: Slough Borough Council (Lowest), Portsmouth City Council (Highest)

South West: Bristol City Council (Lowest), South Gloucestershire Council (Highest)

West Midlands: Worcestershire (Lowest), Staffordshire (Highest)

Analysis of Financial data

Having examined the raw data, one of the possibilities that could explain such considerable variances in the costs could be the finances of authorities which will now be examined.

The five cheapest and five most expensive authorities were picked based on Monday – Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm (approximately) charges. As there have been delays in the audits for some authorities statement of accounts, the year 2017/18 was used to obtain a comparable data set between each of the fifty authorities. Each authorities' overall expenditure and income was used to calculate the deficit. A preference was given to use figures where expenditure and income was analysed by nature as it was assumed that any fees charged by registrars would be shown under "Fees, Charges and Other Service Income" (FCOSI); however, not all authorities use this, and so the "Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement" was used where it was not available. As a result, three of the fifty selected authorities, Waltham Forest, Powys County Council, and Ceredigion County council, did not have FCOSI. One authority, Tower Hamlets, did not have the data publicly available on their website. Dorset Council did not have any data from the selected year as it did not exist yet. These five authorities have been omitted from this part of the analysis.

An initial look into the finances shows that councils with a higher percentage of their income coming from FCOSI do receive more from FCOSI than those with a lower percentage coming from it, as demonstrated by the graph below. It also shows that the 'Cheap' authorities receive less than the 'Expensive' authorities where the percentage FCOSI makes up of their income is the same.

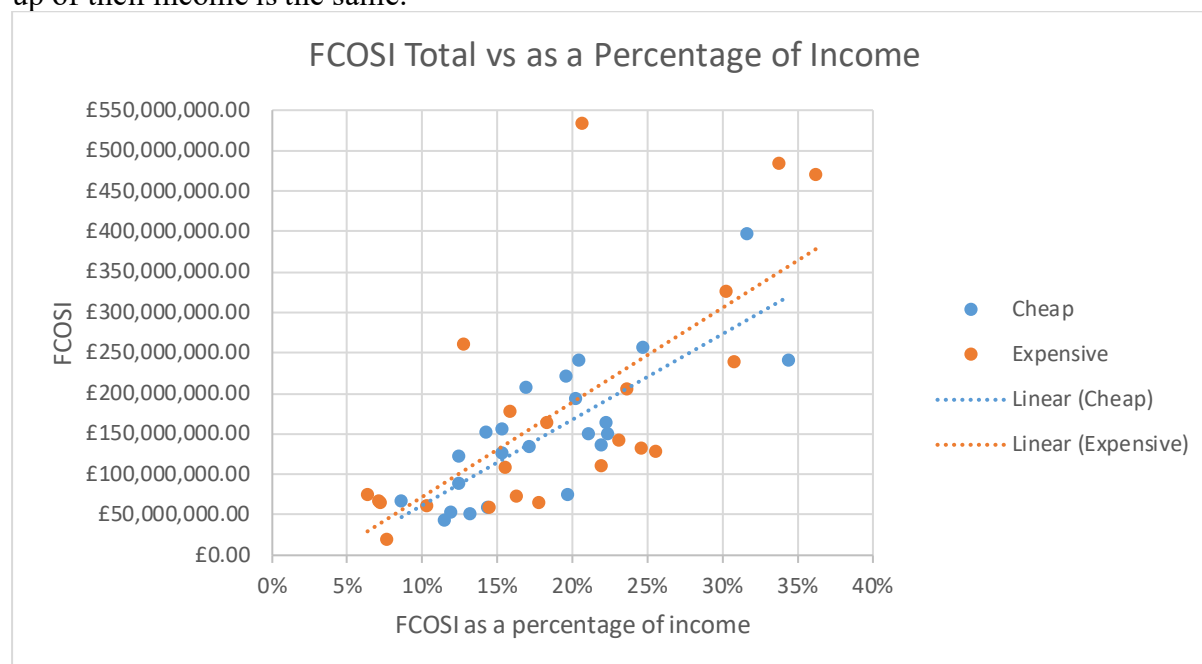


Figure 5: Graph showing relation between total FCOSI and FCOSI as a percentage of income

There did not seem to be a strong correlation in relation to the percentage of a council's income coming from FCOSI regarding how much surplus or deficit they were in, as can be seen by the following scatter chart.

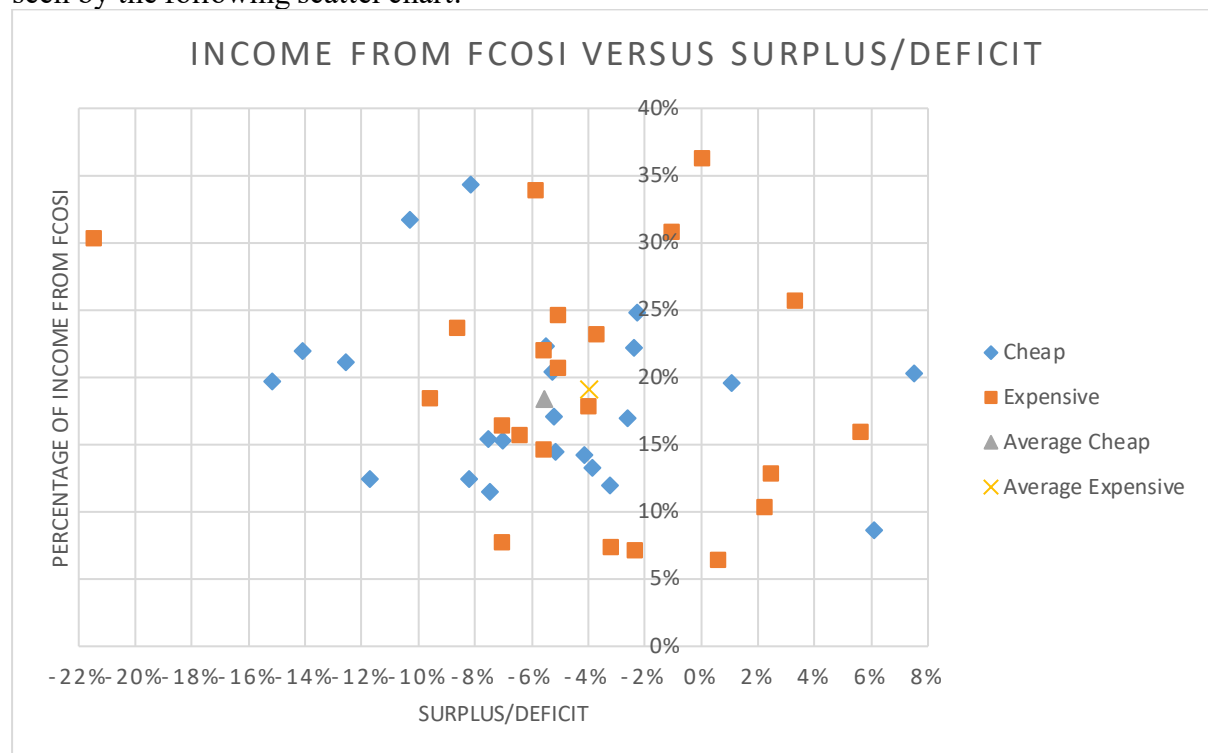


Figure 6: Graph showing relation between FCOSI as a percentage compared to surplus/deficit of authority as a percentage of income

On average, the 'Expensive' authorities do seem to fare slightly better with an increased income from fees of 19.12% versus 18.35% for the 'Cheap' authorities. The blue diamonds show the 'Cheap' authorities, and their average is shown by the grey triangle. The orange squares represent the 'Expensive' authorities, and their average is the yellow 'X'. This is further demonstrated by a slightly better deficit average of 3.99% compared to 5.53%, with the 'Expensive' authorities average of FCOSI as a percentage of income being roughly one percent higher than the 'Cheap' authorities. There does not appear to be any correlation when averaging out by authority type, as shown in the following graph.

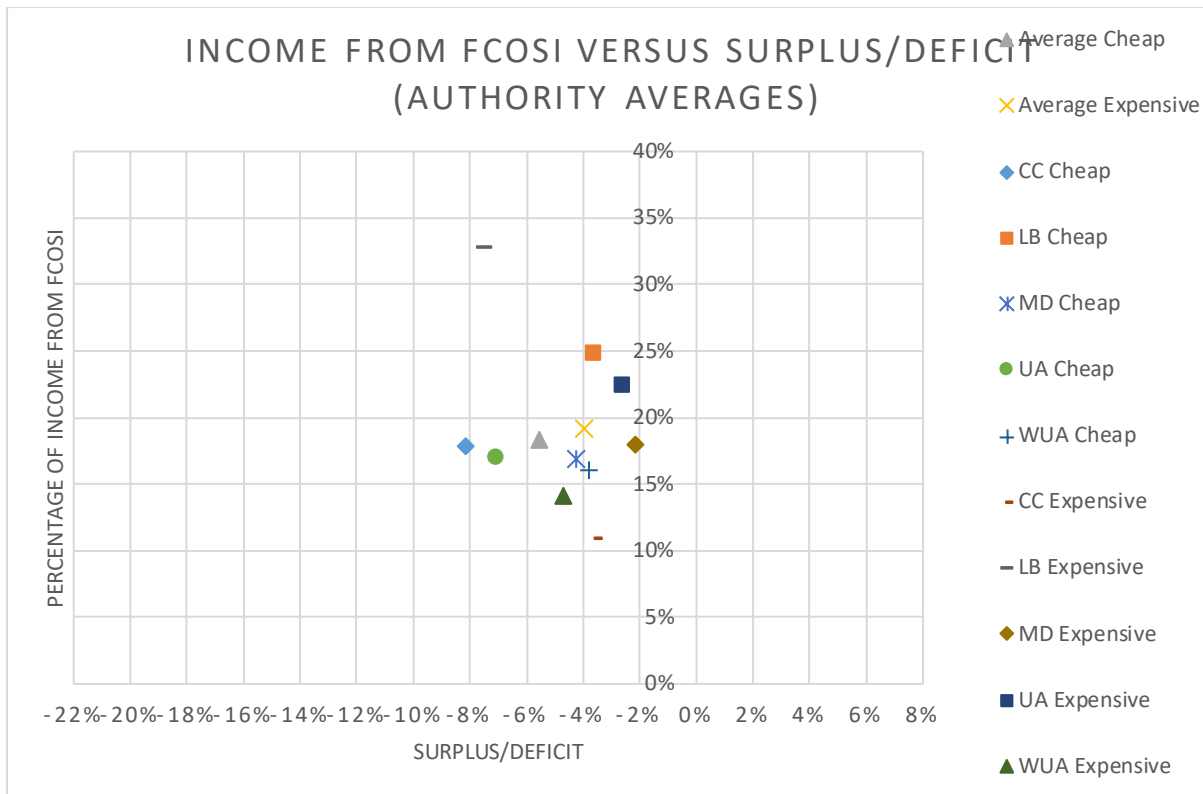


Figure 7: Graph showing relation between FCOSI as a percentage compared to surplus/deficit of authority as a percentage of income averages by type of authority

Looking at the FCOSI averages by authority type, we do see that in most instances, the ‘Expensive’ authorities do tend to have a higher FCOSI than the ‘Cheap’ authorities. As shown by the following graph.

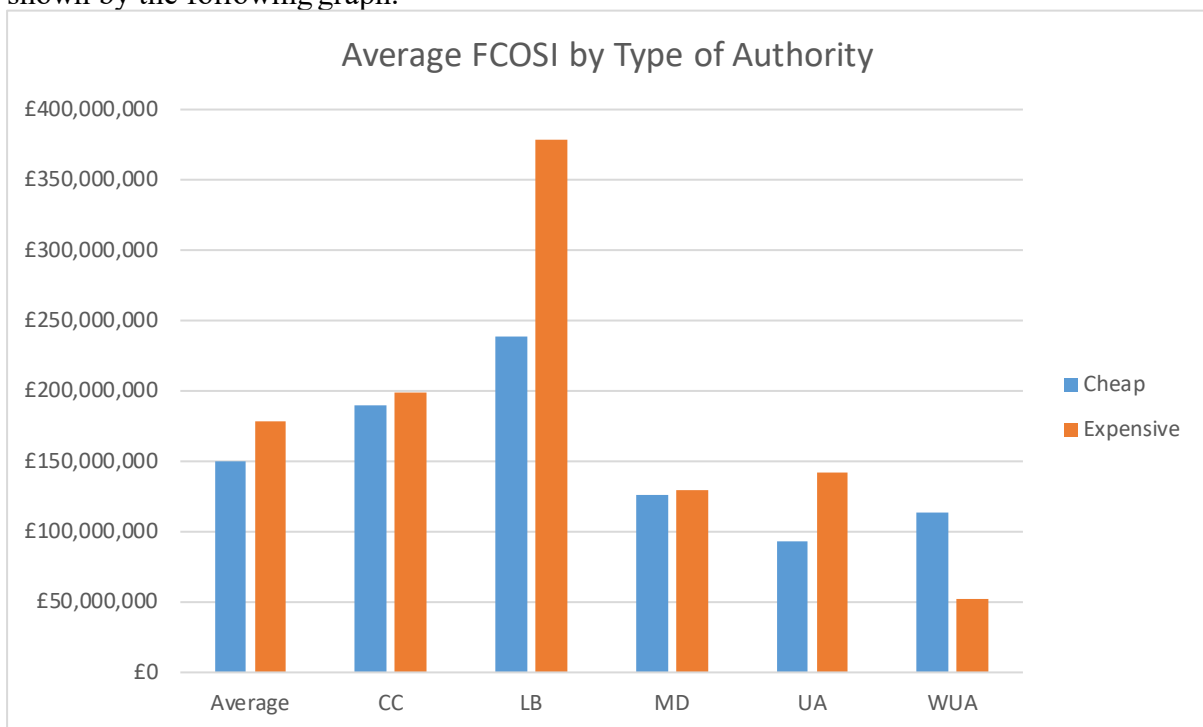


Figure 8: Graph showing average FCOSI by type of authority

When the population averages of each authority type are examined (shown below), there does not seem to be much difference between the ‘Cheap’ and ‘Expensive’ authorities.

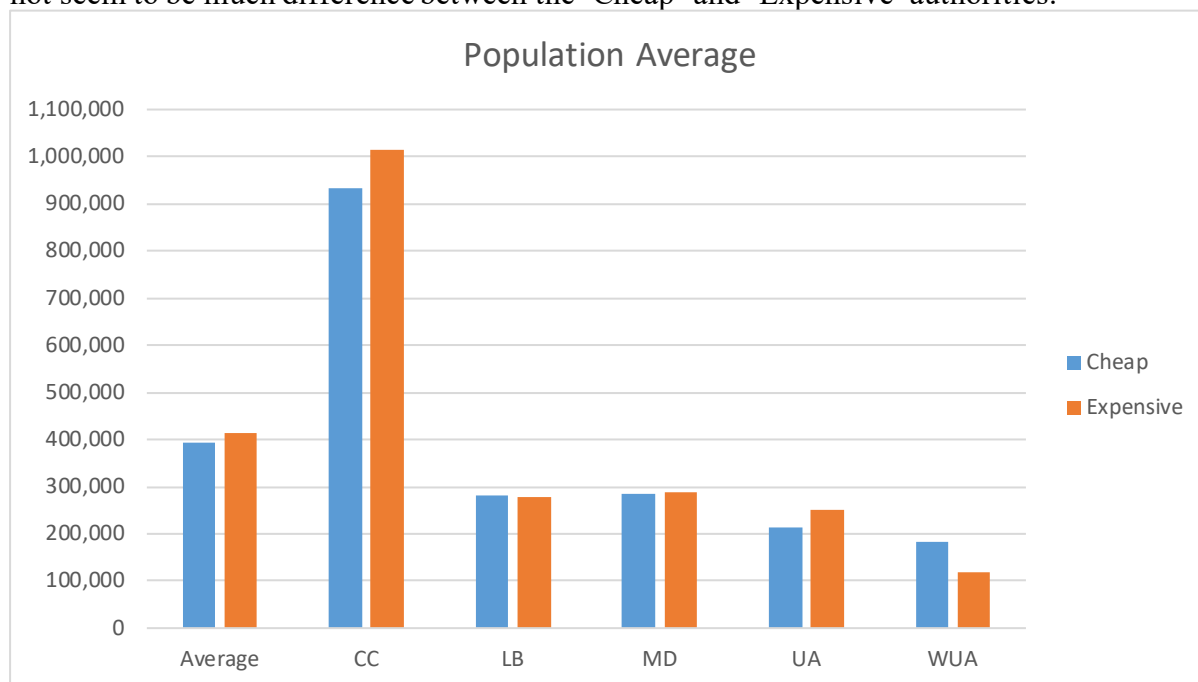


Figure 9: Graph showing population averages by type of authority

Considering the average expenditure of each authority, which can be seen below, this raises the question of whether or not some authorities are charging higher amounts to shore up their finances as the average population seems to be the same.

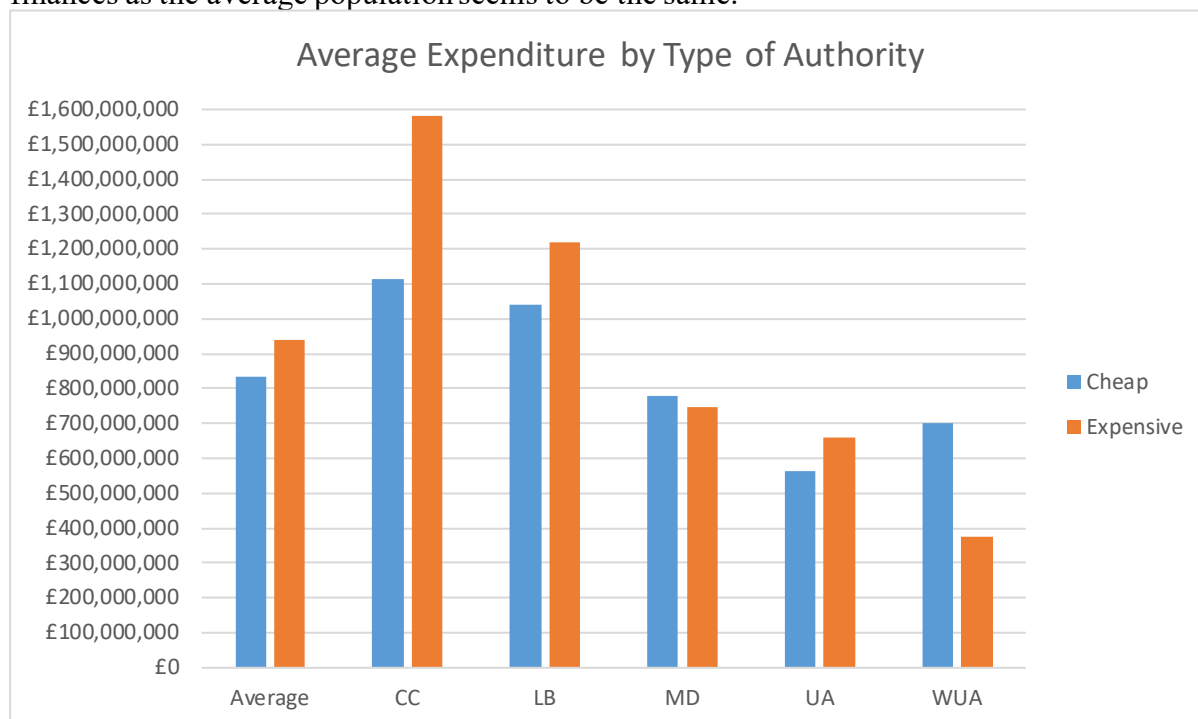


Figure 10: Graph showing average expenditure by type of authority

This raises the question of whether or not this impacts those who are less able financially. Using the council tax income from the various authorities and their population to see the council tax income per capita, it is clear that in the case of County Councils, Metropolitan

Districts, and Unitary Authorities, the ‘Expensive’ authorities have a higher rate. This tends to imply that either more people are paying council tax or that council tax is higher, or both. These could be indicators of authorities that have a population that is more well off. Examining the average for the ‘cheap’ Welsh Unitary Authorities, we can see that there appears to be an anomaly with Bridgend County Borough Council which skews the data. Removing the anomaly, the average comes to £560.42, which is still higher than the ‘expensive’ average but is much more within range.

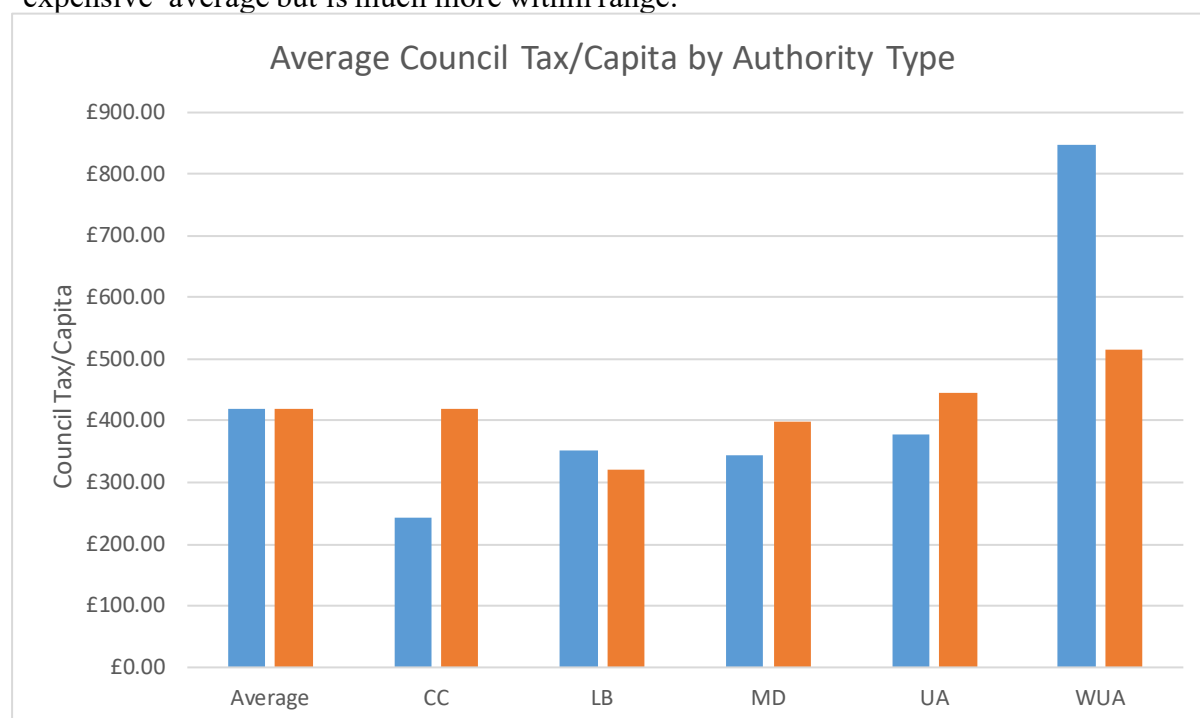


Figure 11: Graph showing average council tax/capita by type of authority

The full table for the raw data for the financial analysis is available in Appendix IV, and its sources in Appendix V.

Tourism

One possibility for the differences in costs is whether authorities are in areas of higher tourism. It was decided to examine this because tourism can play a significant factor in the economics of a region, and destination weddings can play a role in that. Anyone can get married in any authority; they merely must give notice in the authority where they are resident. Location can be a factor when couples get married as they want this to be a special moment in their lives. As such, luxurious or historic venues can be a reason for a couple deciding to get married in another authority other than their own.

Using the raw data and finance analysis, we can build upon them to see if there is a correlation between authorities with a higher cost and tourism. The data available for tourism is limited, so it is examined by region. As such, the financial analysis will be revisited first briefly to get an idea of each region. The following table shows the breakdown of the fifty authorities in the financial analysis as to how they fall into each region.

Region	Total Number of Authorities	Number of Cheap Authorities	Number of Expensive Authorities
North East England	3	0	3
North West England	3	3	0
Wales	8	4	4
South East England	6	1	5
Yorkshire and The Humber	5	4	1
West Midlands	4	2	2
East of England	2	0	2
East Midlands	4	4	0
South West England	2	1	1
London	8	4	4

Figure 12: Table showing the breakdown of the fifty authorities in the financial analysis as to how they fall into each region

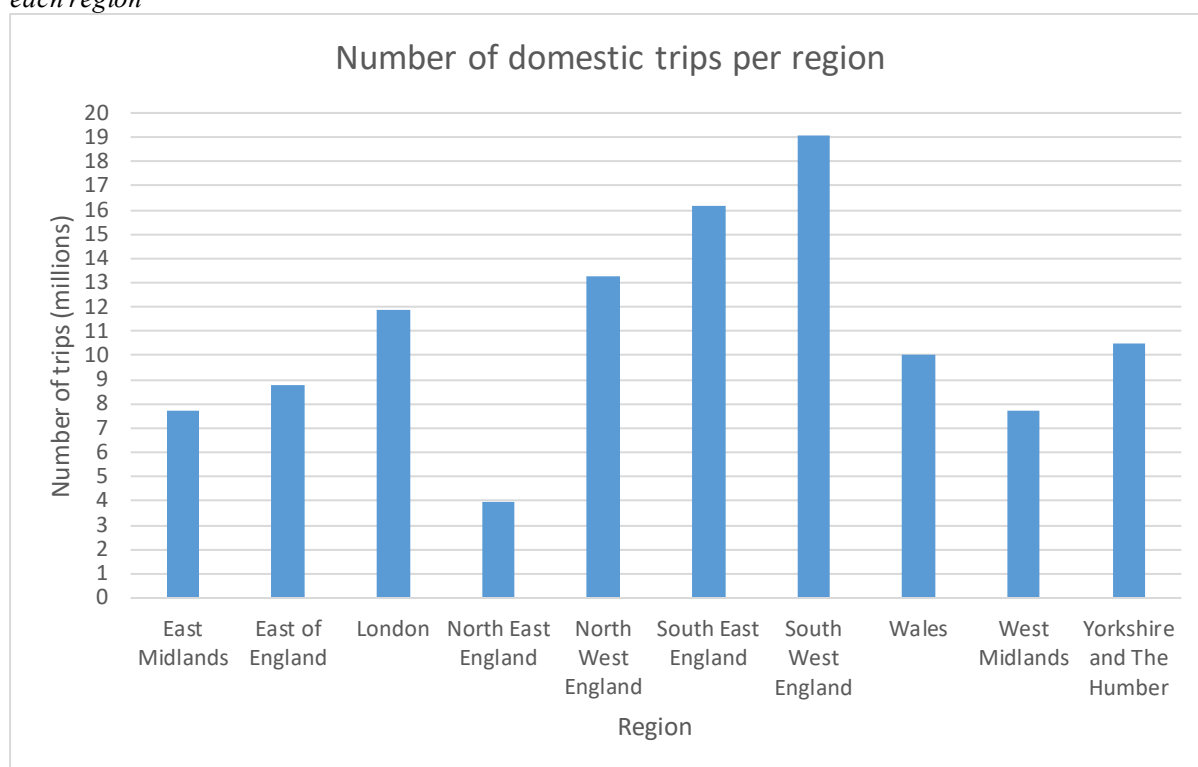


Figure 13: Graph showing the number of domestic trips in each region

The above graph gives us a baseline for the analysis showing the number of domestic visits to each region in 2018. The data used comes from a report found on The Commons Library website. Comparing this with the graph showing the average costs of each region in our raw data analysis, there does not appear to be a relation to higher tourism and higher costs. The following two graphs show us the average surplus/deficit in each region and FCOSI and a percentage of income in each case, respectively.

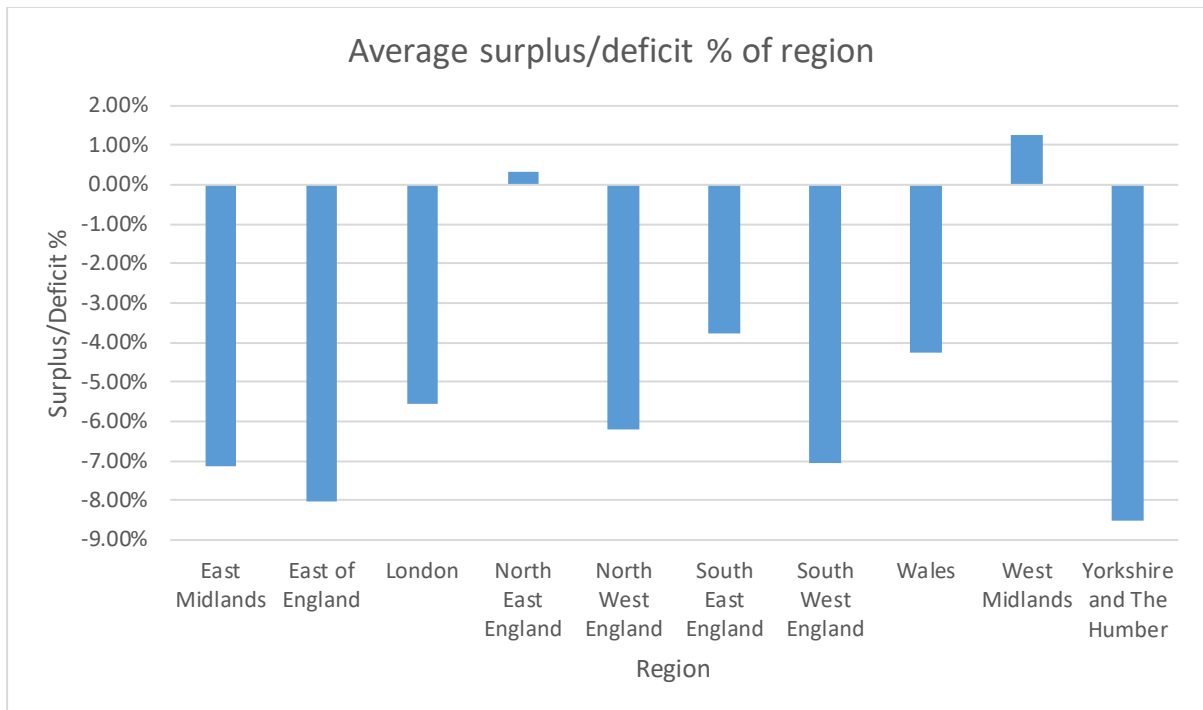


Figure 14: Graph showing average surplus/deficit as a percentage of income of authorities in each region

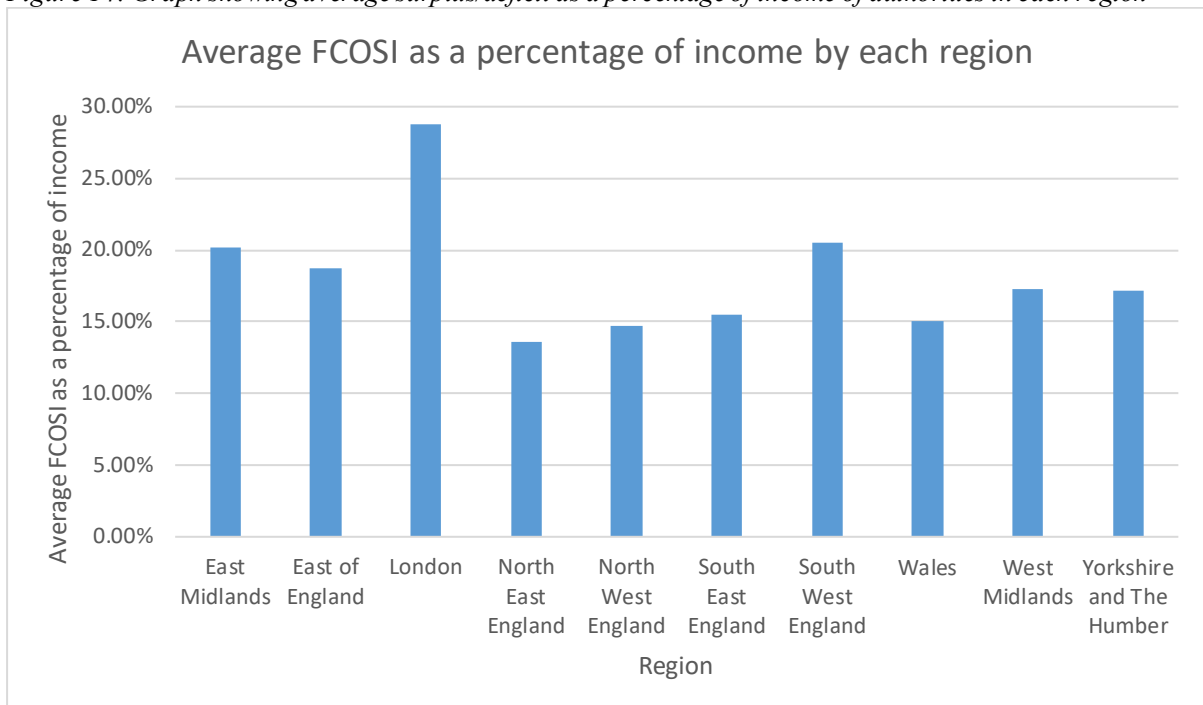


Figure 15: Graph showing average FCOSI as a percentage of income of authorities in each region

There does not seem to be any correlation between the region and their surplus/deficit or FCOSI based on these graphs and domestic tourism. Looking at the raw data analysis, specifically at the table showing the average cost per region and comparing it to the trips made in each region, there does not seem to be any correlation between higher tourism areas and higher costs.

The data set was small and did not have an even spread for each region. This could be a potential area for further research as any potential correlations may not appear in these results.

Recommendations for reform

Based upon our research findings, we are making the following recommendations.

There should be less variance in costs based upon the geographical location of the local authority, as there is no discernible difference in the job performed by a registrar within one local authority to the job performed by one elsewhere. Exceptions should only be made where necessary for specific circumstances, such as London rates being slightly higher due to transport costs for registrars attending an external venue.

Authority websites should ensure that the cost of ceremonies is more transparent and with costs being easier to locate. From our research, many authorities (27.5%) failed to list the costs, or the information was difficult to locate. This information should be easy to locate on the website, easy to understand for the average person, and listed on the website.

All authorities should be listing the option of a simple ceremony on the website. This was not made available within certain authorities, who had failed to list this option (18%). As the average person may not be aware of these statutory ceremonies, there is a need for the ceremony itself to be listed.

Conclusion

Following our research on the costs of civil ceremonies within local authorities, we have found significant differences in costs based upon the various local authorities. There does not appear to be any particular reason for this, although there appears to be a slight correlation between an authority's financial well-being and an increase in costs. This could be a potential area for further research.

With the weekend being the most popular time to get married and the most costly, this raises the question of whether it is justifiable for the authorities to charge different amounts for different days. With weddings considered an intimate and memorable day, it does not seem just that the state, through the authorities, should charge more and price certain people out. Many choose the weekend to marry as it is the only time friends and family can attend and celebrate with them on their special day.

Authorities also seem to bypass the statutory fees by adding on a booking fee which increases the costs. This is a potential area to be examined as well.

Other areas for further research are whether a license should be required for a venue to hold ceremonies and why outdoor ceremonies are currently not recognised. By limiting venues available, this could be a factor in increased venue hire prices by the venues themselves, which was not examined in this paper.

Our recommendations have been related to our research area of the costs, but we have also noted a need for the costs themselves to be better presented by the local authorities online. Based on this, we believe that there is a need for reform of the law regarding weddings to bring the legislation up to date and reflect the current times as the current legislation is archaic.

Our data also inductively points to a wider moral and human rights imperative to reform the law on marriage to make it fair and equally accessible to all.

If a couple wishes to marry, they need to give notice at their local register office, but then are free to get married anywhere they wish to do so, so long as it is licenced to do so. To some extent, based upon this, it is a question of consumer choice; if a couple lives where it is expensive to marry, they will be obliged to travel further afield to marry for cheaper. In essence, there could be local people who are priced out of their own local wedding market.

This then raises questions of consumer fairness, transparency, social justice and human rights. Article 12 of the Human Rights Act 1998 states that people have a right to be married, and as well as that there should be no obstacles to lawful marriage. There is a positive obligation on public authorities not to discriminate. Our data shows there is varied pricing, that is not transparent and not overtly justified. Therefore some couples will be priced out of marrying where they have local ties or are unable to afford to marry on the weekend when their families could attend. It must be considered if this is in some way discriminatory and an infringement of fundamental human rights.

Though the act of getting married is very intimate and private, it is also a public act; one that engages the state's recognition of a new status, endowing individuals with new rights, responsibilities and liabilities. Thus, this public aspect of getting married, is an act of

citizenship, a function of a democracy, of civic identity and belonging. Therefore, it must also be underpinned by equality; it has to be available in principle to everyone, in the same way. From our research, however, it is anything but equal and fair due to the economics and financial practicalities.

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Appendix I – Raw data table

Local Authority	Type of Authority	Number of Venues	Monday - Thursday (£)	Friday (£)	Saturday (£)	Sunday & Bank Holiday (£)	Simple Ceremony (£)	Booking Fee (£)	Population	Time (m:s)	Comment #	Source #
Cumbria	County Council	168	110 - 725	110 - 725	280 - 875	357.50 - 925	46	45	498,888	01:34	CC03, CC27	CC33, CC34
Derbyshire	County Council	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	1,053,316	03:48	CC23, CC24	CC26, CC27
East Sussex	County Council	97	183 - 573	308 - 623	308 - 623	348 - 748	See comments	100	557,229	00:49	CC01, CC03, CC10, CC20	CC11, CC12
Essex	County Council	> 150 (See comments)	211 - 591	291 - 601	361 - 621	641	See comments	56 - 120	1,489,189	03:18	CC03, CC06, CC07, CC20	CC07, CC08
Gloucestershire	County Council	105	250 - 450	250 - 480	270 - 520	280 - 556	57	55	916,202	01:04	CC03	CC46, CC47
Hampshire	County Council	159	263 - 493	298 - 566	378 - 646	378 - 682	See comments	69	1,382,542	01:52	CC03, CC20	CC15, CC16
Hertfordshire	County Council	108	260 - 474	385 - 474	495 - 654	545 - 720	46	See comments	1,184,365	00:22	CC01, CC03, CC17, CC27	CC43, CC44, CC45
Kent	County Council	212	255 - 800	255 - 800	390 - 1070	390 - 1070	46	70	1,846,478	00:28	CC03, CC27, CC29, CC31	CC35, CC36
Leicestershire	County Council	75	141 - 421	221 - 511	221 - 511	316 - 521	57 (See comments)	10 - 50	706,155	00:39	CC03, CC05, CC28, CC29, CC30	C30, CC31, CC32
Lincolnshire	County Council	98	291 - 421	306 - 466	306 - 461	331 - 511	57 (See comments)	35	1,087,659	00:41	CC03, CC04, CC15, CC16, CC17	CC17, CC18, CC19, CC20, CC21
Norfolk	County Council	152	316 - 466	416 - 566	416 - 566	566 - 666	57 (See comments)	70 - 94	903,680	00:28	CC01, CC03, CC17, CC18, CC19	CC22, CC23
North Yorkshire	County Council	177	250 - 450	250 - 450	325 - 550	350 - 550	57	85	1,158,816	01:13	CC03, CC08, CC09	CC09, CC10
Northamptonshire	County Council	88	395	495 - 505	525	575	See comments	100	753,278	02:42	CC01, CC02, CC20	CC01, CC02
Oxfordshire	County Council	91	310 - 600	310 - 600	310 - 600	650	57	See comments	687,524	01:24	CC01, CC03, CC17, CC33, CC34, CC35	CC39, CC40
Somerset	County Council	122	440	470	470	520 - 620	57	See comments	965,424	01:27	CC17, CC29, CC32	CC37, CC38

Staffordshire	County Council	120	275 - 525	275 - 525	300 - 1180	575 - 1230	57	75 - 340	1,131,052	00:39	CC03, CC29, CC36	CC41, CC42
Suffolk	County Council	124	495	495	495	595	46	See comments	758,556	00:36	CC01, CC13, CC25, CC26, CC27	CC28, CC29
Surrey	County Council	116	236 - 486	306 - 536	386 - 586	636	57 (See comments)	100	1,196,236	04:55	CC03, CC04, CC05	CC05, CC06
Warwickshire	County Council	89	227 - 457	307 - 497	307 - 517	332 - 537	See comments	100 - 120	571,010	02:04	CC03, CC20	CC03, CC04
West Sussex	County Council	122	228 - 466	291 - 837	321 - 915	321 - 992	57 (See comments)	100 (See comments)	858,852	00:27	CC03, CC21, CC22	CC24, CC25
Worcestershire	County Council	80	180 - 515	240 - 540	270 - 580	565 - 615	57	See comments	595,786	01:12	CC03, CC11, CC12, CC13, CC14	CC13, CC14
Barking and Dagenham	London Borough	3	385	385	385	470	57	120	211,998	00:36	LB01, LB04, LB05	LB03, LB07
Barnet	London Borough	9	336/447	336/447	400/547	497/657	See comments	50	392,140	01:02	LB01, LB25, LB26, LB27, LB28, LB56	LB03, LB21, LB22
Bexley	London Borough	214	495	495	675	675	46	70	247,258	00:35	LB01, LB55	LB03, LB23, LB24, LB25
Brent	London Borough	12	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	330,795	03:28	LB01, LB24	LB03, LB06
Bromley	London Borough	17	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	100	331,096	06:42	LB01, LB29	LB03, LB26, LB27
Camden	London Borough	42	550/600	550/600	650	714/742	57	No	262,226	03:28	LB01, LB31, LB32	LB03, LB28, LB29
Ealing	London Borough	12	389 / 443	443 / 497	497 / 605	605 / 697	See comments	No	341,982	00:41	LB01, LB06, LB07, LB08, LB09, LB10, LB16	LB03, LB08, LB09
Enfield	London Borough	10	500/700	550	550	550/800	107	No	333,869	00:51	LB01 LB33, LB34, LB35, LB36, LB57	LB03, LB30, LB31
Hackney	London Borough	23	604	604	604	704	See comments	50	279,665	01:10	LB01, LB02, LB14, LB15, LB18	LB03, LB04, LB05
Hammersmith and Fulham	London Borough	16	390 / 675	505 / 730	505 / 785	620 / 900	46	No	185,426	00:28	LB01, LB11, LB12	LB03, LB10, LB11
Haringey	London Borough	12	565	565	565	565	57	No	270,624	02:03	LB01, LB22, LB23	LB03, LB12, LB13
Harrow	London Borough	7	475	475	475	575	See comments	No	250, 149	00:58	LB01, LB30, LB56	LB03, LB32, LB33

Islington	London Borough	45	600/780	600/780	680/780	780	57	No	239,142/ 8,706	01:10	LB01, LB41, LB42, LB43, LB 44, LB45, LB58	LB03, LB34, LB35, LB36
Kensington and Chelsea	London Borough	29	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	156,197	02:11	LB01, LB51, LB52, LB53	LB03, LB37
Lewisham	London Borough	9	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	303,536	02:06	LB01, LB49, LB50	LB03, LB38
Merton	London Borough	7	475	475	525	575	See comments	No	206,186	05:55	LB01, LB46, LB47, LB48, LB56, LB59	LB03, LB39, LB40
Redbridge	London Borough	11	430	430	460	510	57	No	303,858	02:35	LB01, LB13	LB01. LB02, LB03 , LB14
Richmond upon Thames	London Borough	19	523	523	629	768	68	No	196,904	04:00	LB01, LB03	LB03, LB15, LB16
Southwark	London Borough	26	621/811	731/881	731/881	791	57	No	317,256	00:57	LB54, LB60	LB03, LB41, LB42
Tower Hamlets	London Borough	24	560/611/ 865	590/700/ 916	590/700/ 916	712/1017/ 1221	See comments	120	317,705	01:57	LB37. LB38, LB39, LB40, LB56	LB03, LB43, LB44, LB45
Waltham Forest	London Borough	10	400 / 420	400 / 420	495	550	46	No	276,700	00:39	LB01, LB19, LB20, LB21	LB03, LB17, LB18
Westminster	London Borough	187	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	57	See comments	255,324	04:33	LB01, LB17	LB03, LB19, LB20
Barnsley Borough Council	Metropolitan District	15	331	373	473	481	57	27	246,866	01:58	MD01	MD01, MD02
Bolton Borough Council	Metropolitan District	15	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	See comments	See Comments	287,550	01:48	MD29	MD10, MD11
Bradford City Council	Metropolitan District	33	380	440	480	540	57	40	539,776	01:05	MD07. MD32	MD03, MD04
Bury Borough Council	Metropolitan District	11	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	190,990	07:08	MD04	MD05
Calderdale Borough Council	Metropolitan District	28	400	425	450	50	57	No	211,455	02:20	MD03	MD06, MD07
Coventry City Council	Metropolitan District	14	480	540	600	600/730	46	No	371,521	01:20	MD23, MD24, MD39	MD08, MD09
Doncaster Borough Council	Metropolitan District	25	300	345	480	605	57	25 See comments	311,890	01:15	MD16, MD17, MD37	MD12, MD13
Gateshead Borough Council	Metropolitan District	15	439	504	504	569	46	25	202,055	01:09	MD11, MD34	MD14, MD15

Kirklees Borough Council	Metropolitan District	30	450/ 500	450/ 500	450/ 500	500	46	40	439,787	00:47	MD52, MD53, MD54	MD16, MD17
Manchester City Council	Metropolitan District	62	342/ 447	342/ 447	337/ 447	417	57	40/ 100 See comments	552,858	01:17	MD12, MD13, MD14, MD35	MD18, MD19
Newcastle Upon Tyne City Council	Metropolitan District	34	415	485	485	570	57	40	302,820	01:24	MD10	MD20, MD21
North Tyneside Borough Council	Metropolitan District	11	456	456	493	562	57	40	207,913	00:37	MD02, MD30	MD22
Rochdale Borough Council	Metropolitan District	12	391	391	415	441	57	31	222,412	00:29	MD50, MD51	MD23, MD24
Salford City Council	Metropolitan District	17	300	340	370	410	57	30	258,834	00:28	MD41, MD42	MD25, MD26
Sandwell Borough Council	Metropolitan District	9	335	463	463	537	57	No	328,450	00:56	MD15, MD36	MD27, MD28
Sefton Borough Council	Metropolitan District	20	360	420	420	540	57	no	276,410	00:35	MD48, MD49	MD29
Solihull Borough Council	Metropolitan District	22	470	560	645	645	46	100 (see comments)	216,374	00:32	MD08, MD09, MD33	MD30, MD31
South Tyneside Borough Council	Metropolitan District	11	412	412	480	558/ 578	46	35	150,976	00:34	MD27, MD28	MD32, MD33
St Helens Borough Council	Metropolitan District	11	380	420	440	515/ 540	46	40	180,585	01:34	MD46, MD47	MD34, MD35, MD36, MD37
Stockport Borough Council	Metropolitan District	17	350	430	480	500/ 1000	57	30	293,423	00:52	MD05, MD06, MD31	MD38, MD39
Sunderland City Council	Metropolitan District	10	430/ 530	530	530	590	57		277,705	00:52	MD25, MD26, MD27, MD40	MD40, MD41
Wakefield City Council	Metropolitan District	21	380	495	495	510	46	34	348,312	01:31	MD43	MD42, MD43
Walsall Borough Council	Metropolitan District	8	302	476	476	476	See comments	39-85	285,478	02:23	MD21, MD22, MD55	MD44, MD45
Wigan Borough Council	Metropolitan District	22	400	430	455	490	57	45	328,662	00:35	MD18, MD19, MD20, MD38	MD46, MD47
Wolverhampton City Council	Metropolitan District	14	436	436	511	561	57	100	263,357	01:15	MD44, MD45	MD48, MD49

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	Unitary Authority	8	339-389	359-409	409-459	469-519	46	50	148,900	06:22	UA40, UA41, UA42, UA43	UA01, UA02, UA03, UA04
Brighton and Hove City Council	Unitary Authority	29	520	565	580	580-665	See comments	See comments	289,900	01:13	UA02, UA04, UA06, UA50	UA05, UA06
Bristol City Council	Unitary Authority	45	400	400	400	415-197	57	30	463,400	01:52	UA03, UA04, UA50	UA07, UA08
Central Bedfordshire Council	Unitary Authority	29	453/387	453/387	531/453	592/520	See comments	See comments	289,000	00:55	UA04, UA06, UA34	UA09, UA10
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Unitary Authority	63	341-411.50	385.50454	438.50-508.50	449-519.50	58	58	340,500	03:40	UA46	UA11, UA12
Cornwall Council	Unitary Authority	7	403	457	583	631	46	36	197,213	02:04	UA31, UA32	UA64, UA65
Derby City Council	Unitary Authority	17	331	331	361	441	57	50	256,200	00:57	UA09	UA15
Dorset Council	Unitary Authority	107	516	516	572	572-618	46	See comments	375,000	00:42	UA06, UA21	UA16, UA17, UA18
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Unitary Authority	38	370-590	410-630	460-680	510-730	See comments	See comments	341,173	03:16	UA04, UA06	UA66
Halton Borough Council	Unitary Authority	7	440	460	520	620-720	See comments	52	128,432	01:10	UA04, UA14	UA19, UA20
Herefordshire Council	Unitary Authority	57	374	374	399	425	46	See comments	192,800	01:51	UA06	UA67
Isle of Wight Council	Unitary Authority	46	430	465	490	515	46	45	140,500	00:52		UA21, UA22
Leicester City Council	Unitary Authority	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	552,000	06:27	UA01	UA23
Medway Council	Unitary Authority	6	480	480	580	580	46	See comments	278,556	00:38	UA47, UA48, UA49	UA24, UA25
Middlesborough Borough Council	Unitary Authority	8	402	418	465	524	See comments	30	140,398	02:35	UA08	UA26, UA27
Milton Keynes Council	Unitary Authority	18	560	630	630	680	46	50	282,445	03:05	UA10	UA28, UA29
North Lincolnshire Council	Unitary Authority	25	331	346	416-466	471	57	30	172,005	03:01		UA30

North Somerset Council	Unitary Authority	21	440	470	470	520-620	57	See comments	193,000	01:48	UA06, UA20	UA31, UA32
Nottingham City Council	Unitary Authority	23	410	460	460	490	46	See comments	332,900	01:45	UA07, UA25	UA33, UA34, UA35
Peterborough Council	Unitary Authority	11	560	560	635	685	46	See comments	203,600	01:09	UA06	UA68
Portsmouth City Council	Unitary Authority	19	491-1081	521-1081	586-1081	686-1081	57	No	218,314	00:58	UA44, UA45, UA46	UA36, UA37
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	Unitary Authority	12	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	135,500	See comments	UA01	
Rutland County Council	Unitary Authority	11	360	380	470	575	57	50	39,927	01:20	UA24	UA38, UA39, UA40
Slough Borough Council	Unitary Authority	7	173	200-311	300-311	500-511	See comments	See comments	149,112	00:50	UA04, UA17, UA18	UA41, UA42, UA43
South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary Authority	22	502-540	520-585	595-585	686	57	50	282,600	01:16	UA21, UA22, UA23	UA44, UA45, UA46
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	Unitary Authority	12	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	175,000	15:00	UA01	UA48, UA49
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Unitary Authority	7	403	457	583	631	57	36	197,213	02:04	UA31, UA32	UA13, UA14
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	Unitary Authority	11	365	365	390	450	46	30-80	256,375	01:18	UA28, UA29, UA30	UA50, UA51, UA52
Swindon Borough Council	Unitary Authority	14	510	562	618	672	57	See comments	221,996	01:40	UA06, UA16	UA53, UA54
Telford and Wrekin Borough Council	Unitary Authority	16	425	452	485	535	57	See comments	166,641	00:40	UA06, UA37	UA55, UA56
Thurrock Council	Unitary Authority	8	495	495	540	575	46	46 (See comments)	178,300	01:57	UA35, UA36	UA57, UA58, UA59
Torbay Council	Unitary Authority	27	475-502	475-502	502-560	566	57	See comments	134,500	01:38	UA05, UA06, UA15	UA60, UA61
Warrington Borough Council	Unitary Authority	40	395	450	450	450	160	40	210,014	01:46	UA46, UA47	UA69

Wiltshire Council	Unitary Authority	79	460	475	500	550	46	50	510,100	01:37	UA11, UA12, UA13	UA62, UA63
Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council	Unitary Authority	30	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	151,422	02:20	UA01	
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	7	486	486	486	See comments	57 (See comments)	See comments	69,862	00:48	WUA22, WUA23, WUA32, WUA35	WUA01, WUA02
Bridgend County Borough Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	12	350	350	370	420 - 470	46	See comments	49,404	00:25	WUA19, WUA 32	WUA03, WUA04
Carmarthenshire County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	36	100 - 315	235 - 370	235 - 370	525	57	See comments	188,771	00:46	WUA26, WUA27, WUA31	WUA05, WUA06
Ceredigion County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	21	442	494	494	697	See comments	30	72,695	00:53	WUA25, WUA34	WUA07, WUA08
City of Cardiff Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	45	161 - 266	186 - 306	336	See comments	See comments	See comments	366,903	06:08	WUA28, WUA34, WUA36	WUA09, WUA10
Conwy County Borough Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	22	195 - 520	195 - 520	195 - 520	450 - 625	57	See comments	117,203	00:34	WUA01, WUA30, WUA31, WUA32	WUA11, WUA12
Denbighshire County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	29	195 - 385	205 - 410	255 - 410	295 - 480	46	30 - 110	95,696	00:30	WUA19, WUA22, WUA24, WUA31	WUA13, WUA14
Flintshire County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	17	205 - 420	250 - 505	275 - 530	305 - 590	46	30 - 120	156,100	00:41	WUA09, WUA10, WUA31	WUA15, WUA16
Gwynedd Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	45	130 - 285	130 - 315	190 - 335	230 - 375	57 (See comments)	46 - 110	124,560	00:32	WUA06, WUA17, WUA18, WUA31, WUA35	WUA17, WUA18
Isle of Anglesey County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	18	210 - 390	250 - 420	250 - 420	360 - 510	See comments	46 - 130	70,043	01:41	WUA06, WUA07, WUA08, WUA31, WUA34	WUA19, WUA20
Neath Port Talbot Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	10	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	143,315	04:38	WUA11	WUA21

Newport City Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	12	281 - 386	336 - 441	371 - 476	546	57 (See Comments)	25	154,676	00:54	WUA12, WUA13, WUA14, WUA15, WUA16, WUA31	WUA22, WUA23
Pembrokeshire County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	44	461	506	506	721	57 (See Comments)	See Comments	125,818	01:38	WUA02, WUA03, WUA04, WUA05	WUA24, WUA25
Powys County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	67	95 - 327	95 - 343	210 - 395	468	46	21	132,435	00:41	WUA19, WUA29, WUA31	WUA26, WUA27
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	15	144 - 374	144 - 374	144 - 374	445	46	26	241,264	00:19	WUA20, WUA31	WUA28, WUA29
Torfaen County Borough Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	7	155 - 375	155 - 375	195 - 425	425 - 475	57 (See Comments)	See Comments	93,961	02:48	WUA31, WUA32, WUA33	WUA30, WUA31
Wrexham County Borough Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	18	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	135,957	03:20	WUA21	WUA32

Appendix II – Raw Data Table Comments

Comment #	Comment
CC01	Increased fees for ceremonies performed after 5 pm
CC02	Has varying costs for ceremonies performed during summer months and outside of these months
CC03	Has varying fees based upon the venue selected
CC04	Simple ceremony costs £46 excluding the marriage certificate, which is available for an extra £11.
CC05	Simple ceremonies can be performed, Wednesday AM only, at the register office
CC06	No information is given on venues beyond there being 150 available to choose from.
CC07	Venues costing £291 on Saturdays are only available for morning ceremonies.
CC08	No distinction between costs Monday to Thursday and on a Friday.
CC09	Booking fees consist of £35 non-refundable notice and a £50 deposit which is deducted from costs.
CC10	Weddings performed on peak days (New Year's Day, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and weekends of Bank Holidays) cost an additional £100
CC11	Weddings performed on New Year's Day, Good Friday, East Sunday or Monday, Christmas or Boxing Day have high costs.
CC12	Simple ceremony only available Tuesday to Thursday.
CC13	No mention of booking fees.
CC14	For bespoke services, contact with the authority is required for costs.
CC15	Has a registrar fee for a marriage at a registered building of £86.
CC16	Also performs standard civil ceremonies in any registration office ceremony room. It must start and finish within regular office hours from Tuesday to Thursday, plus Friday and Saturday mornings. The cost is £106, regardless of the day. No registrar fee is applied.
CC17	Does not explicitly mention a booking fee; only mentions paying for notice of marriage.
CC18	Certain ceremonies also include a deposit of £200, which is taken from the costs.
CC19	Simple Ceremonies are listed under "duo ceremony", which lists the ceremony and a celebration ceremony, with prices from £360 - £530 and £11 for a marriage certificate, based on the venue selected. No information is provided if simple ceremonies can be held without the celebration ceremony, but a price for the ceremony itself is listed at £46, plus £11 for a marriage certificate.
CC20	No mention of simple ceremony in fees.
CC21	Lists a price of £57 for registrar at register office - does not mention a simple ceremony, however, and provides no information on this ceremony beyond the cost covering administration and being non-refundable.
CC22	Requires all fees to be paid at the time of booking, although it does list fees as refundable in cancellation, excluding a £100 administration charge.
CC23	No information is given on the number of venues beyond the nine register offices in the county and the county hall.
CC24	No information is given on the costs beyond varying between different days.
CC25	Ceremonies are available at the local authority ceremony room for £300 - no mention is made on what days this is available.
CC26	Simple Ceremonies are only available between 09:30 and 10:00 in the morning. Mentions varying days of availability, but nothing beyond this.

CC27	Certificate of Marriage is listed at £11, no mention if this is included in the costs already listed.
CC28	Booking fee is £10 for a simple ceremony, £50 otherwise.
CC29	County Council website links to a separate website for their wedding information. Sources are from this separate website.
CC30	A simple ceremony is not listed as such - the ceremony is listed as being at the register office, required by law and at £46 plus £11 for a marriage certificate.
CC31	A small ceremony is available (for up to 10 guests) on Thursdays and Saturdays at the cost of £116 and £136 in one venue.
CC32	Registration Office ceremonies are available, ranging from £150 to £350. No information is given on what days this is available, however.
CC33	Simple Ceremonies are only on Tuesday and Wednesday.
CC34	Weddings in the registration office are only held Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings.
CC35	Requires full fees paid at the time of booking.
CC36	No booking fee required for a simple ceremony.
LB01	Population as of mid-2018
LB02	Clissold House, Hackney Town Hall and Stoke Newington Town Hall have their own pricing varying from £479-654 dependent on venue and day
LB03	Ceremonies at York House offered available for £225 - 562 depending on the day
LB04	Ceremonies at Woodlands House vary from £190-330 from Monday-Saturday
LB05	Additional £85 charged for ceremonies for bookings taking place on St Valentine's Day, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, public holidays and bank holiday weekends
LB06	Second number is for ceremonies after 5:30 pm
LB07	Bank holidays are £697 before 5:30 pm and £791 after
LB08	Fees on the website say they are from the 16th of February 2019 to the 31st of March 2020
LB09	No simple ceremonies moved to The Brentham Club
LB10	Ceremonies available at The Brentham Club on Wednesday between 10 am-3:30 pm for £171, Thursday between 1:30 pm-3:30 pm for £171, Friday between 1:30 pm-3:30 pm for £201, Saturday between 10 am-5 pm for £286. Sundays are £366 but no times listed. Fees for the 3rd of July 2019 to the 31st of March 2020
LB11	Second number is for ceremonies after 6 pm
LB12	Copper Suite fees are £310 from Monday - Thursday, £360 on Friday, £410 on Saturday and £460 on Sundays and bank holidays
LB13	Simple ceremony only available at 9 am on a Monday
LB14	Simple ceremony only available Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
LB15	Second number in Simple Ceremony is for Saturdays
LB16	Simple ceremony only available on Tuesday Mornings
LB17	Unable to confirm as the website is incomplete
LB18	There is mention of a ceremony at the registrars' office but unable to locate costs
LB19	Second number is for ceremonies after 5 pm
LB20	The cost on bank holidays is £525
LB21	The cost on Valentine's Day, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day is £670
LB22	Cost during bank holidays is £771
LB23	The cost for The Earlham Suite varies from £200-400 depending on the room and day

LB24	Had to register for an account to be able to go through the booking process to see the prices
LB25	Second number is for after 4 pm
LB26	Bank holidays are £600 all-day
LB27	£50 booking fee is included in the price to book registrar
LB28	Townhall rooms available from £165 - £626 depending on day and room and includes the cost of the registrar
LB29	Could not locate information, possibly, it seems, due to Covid-19
LB30	Civic centre rooms available from £160 - £575 depending on day and room and includes the cost of the registrar
LB31	Not entirely clear if the costs listed are for all approved venues or council venues
LB32	Second number is for after 5 pm except for Sundays & Bank Holidays which is for bank holidays
LB33	Second number for Monday - Thursday is for after 5 pm
LB34	Second number for Sundays & Bank Holidays is for bank holidays
LB35	Lists garden ceremonies for £650
LB36	Fees at registrar's office venue vary from £180 - 800 depending on the day, time and if it is standard or premium
LB37	First number is for 10am - 4pm, second is for 5pm - 7pm and third number is for 8pm - 10pm
LB38	Christmas, New Year's Eve and Religious Holidays are £1119 before 5 pm and £2238 after
LB39	Basic ceremonies available for £194 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at The Vestry
LB40	Friday - Sundays varies between £255 - £611 at The Vestry for larger ceremonies
LB41	Islington also does the weddings for The City of London
LB42	Venues include City of London Venues
LB43	First number is for 9am - 6pm and second is for 6pm - 10pm
LB44	Second population number is for The City of London
LB45	Prices for council's own venue vary from £380 - £680 depending on the day and room
LB46	Select days cost is £1500
LB47	Ceremonies outside normal hours are £725
LB48	Ceremonies at council venue vary from £140 - £1500 depending on the day and time
LB49	Requires contact with the council for charges
LB50	Possible limitation of information available due to COVID
LB51	Must go through the booking process and choose a venue and day to get costs
LB52	Mentions that they will work with non-approved venues and hold a simple ceremony at the registrar's office to make it legal
LB53	All dates and venues seem to be unavailable in the booking system, most likely due to COVID
LB54	Second number is for weddings after 5 pm
LB55	Website is in collaboration with Kent County Council, so venues are for both authorities as well as costs
LB56	Cannot find information on the website
LB57	Statutory ceremony only available Monday - Thursday before 5 pm
LB58	Simple ceremonies only available on Mondays at 9:15 AM
LB59	Booking fee is £30 if booked less than 12 months in advance and £50 if booked 12-24 months in advance
LB60	Simple ceremonies only available on Mondays and Tuesdays at limited times

MD01	Ceremonies available at the Town Hall from £129-181 depending on the day
MD02	Ceremonies available at the register office from £200-297
MD03	Spring Hall ceremonies available from £150-270 depending on the day
MD04	No information on the website as to costs or how to get information about the costs
MD05	Ceremonies available at Stockton Town Hall for £120-300 depending on day and room
MD06	Second number for Sundays and Bank Holidays is for bank holidays
MD07	Ceremonies available at City Hall for £120-190 depending on day and room
MD08	Ceremonies available at the registrar office for £97-405 depending on the day and room
MD09	Does not state if the deposit is separate or goes towards the total cost
MD10	Ceremonies at Leazes Room available for £190-200 depending on the day
MD11	Ceremonies available at the Civic Center for £114-550 depending on the room and day
MD12	Ceremonies in the Pankhurst Suite available for £127-185 depending on the day
MD13	Second number is for evening ceremonies after 6 pm
MD14	Deposit is £40 for Pankhurst Suite and £100 for approved venues but does not state if this goes towards final cost or is in addition
MD15	Ceremonies available at Highfield House for £124 -537 depending on room and day
MD16	Ceremonies available at registrar office venue for £110-270 depending on day and room
MD17	Provisional Booking fee of £25
MD18	Ceremonies available at certain council venues for £70-410 depending on day and venue
MD19	£65 surcharge for weddings after 4pm
MD20	Weddings at non-approved venues available for £680 with marriage registration taking place at Wigan Life Centre
MD21	Ceremonies at the registrar office available for £166-194 depending on the day
MD22	Booking fee varies depending on if the wedding will take place at the registrar's office or an approved venue and depend on what day the wedding will be
MD23	Ceremonies available at registrar office for £180-580 depending on the day and room
MD24	Second number for Sundays and Bank Holidays is for "Special Dates & Bank Holidays"
MD25	Ceremonies at Civic available for £155-290 depending on day and room
MD26	Second number on Monday - Thursday for ceremonies outside office hours
MD27	Ceremonies available at council venues available for £134-578 depending on day and venue/room
MD28	Second number for Sundays and Bank Holidays is for bank holidays
MD29	Information seems to either be only available upon request or redacted due to COVID
MD30	Simple ceremonies only available on Friday mornings
MD31	Simple ceremonies only available on a Tuesday morning
MD32	Simple ceremonies only available on Mondays at limited times
MD33	Simple ceremonies only available on Tuesdays and Thursdays
MD34	Simple ceremonies only available Monday - Thursday between 09:00 - 11:30 AM
MD35	Simple Ceremonies only available at 9:10 or 9:50 AM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
MD36	Simple ceremony only available Monday - Thursday
MD37	Simple ceremony only available on Wednesdays
MD38	Simple ceremony only available on Wednesday mornings
MD39	Simple ceremony only available on Monday afternoons
MD40	Simple ceremonies only available on Wednesdays between 09:00 -11:30 AM
MD41	Simple ceremony only available on Tuesdays
MD42	Ceremony Suite available from £160-230 depending on day

MD43	Ceremonies available at council's own venues for £148-378 depending on venue, room and day
MD44	Ceremonies at City Suite available for £201-361 depending on day
MD45	Simple ceremony only available on Wednesdays
MD46	Second number in Sundays and Bank Holidays is for bank holidays
MD47	Ceremonies available at the Town Hall for £240-490 depending on room and day
MD48	Ceremonies at the Southport and Waterloo Town Halls are available for £200-220 depending on the day
MD49	Prices given are for ceremonies before 04:30 PM, says to enquire about ceremonies later
MD50	Ceremonies available in the Red Rose Suite for £125-241 depending on the day
MD51	Only 8 venues approved by Rochdale, 4 others approved by other authorities
MD52	Second number is for weddings after 4pm
MD53	Simple ceremonies only available on Monday mornings
MD54	Register office ceremonies available for £125-225 depending on day
MD55	Cannot find information on website
UA01	Data missing due to COVID or requires to contact authority
UA02	£100 evening supplement fee
UA03	Non-refundable booking fee only applicable if registrar is booked before giving notice.
UA04	No mention of simple/statutory ceremony
UA05	£86 fee for holding ceremony at a registered building that is not an approved venue.
UA06	No mention of booking fee
UA07	States there is a £100 deposit for approved venues and £75 for ceremonies at Council House but does not say if it is deductible from final cost
UA08	A statutory ceremony is also available, please contact us for details.
UA09	17 venues listed, states one of them is unavailable at the time of research.
UA10	£680 fee for ceremonies on Sunday, bank holiday, special days (e.g. Valentine's Day) or out of hours.
UA11	Statutory ceremony on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings subject to availability, conducted only at Wiltshire Register Office.
UA12	No ceremonies on Christmas Day.
UA13	Prices for the 1st of April 2019 to the 31st of March 2020 (not updated).
UA14	£40 on weekdays and £50 on Saturday fee for entering a notice per person.
UA15	Second number is for ceremonies after 6pm
UA16	Simple ceremonies only available between 2:00pm and 3:30pm Tuesday to Thursday
UA17	Second price applies after 5pm including a marriage certificate (excluding bank holidays).
UA18	States booking fee will apply but doesn't specify price.
UA20	Attendance of a registrar to register a marriage in a registered building (a non-conformist church) is £97.
UA21	Simple ceremony only available Monday to Friday
UA22	Registration and conduct of marriage and civil partnership ceremonies vary. First prices are for civil partnerships.
UA23	Fees for a civil partnership ceremony at the register office are £297.
UA24	£60/£70 non-refundable deposit required to secure Licenced Venue Ceremony booking. The deposit is deducted from the ceremony fee.
UA25	A deposit of £100 is required to book a ceremony at an approved premise and £75 is required to book a ceremony at the Council House.
UA28	£10 non-refundable booking fee for notice appointment.

UA29	Additional £200 fee for special dates or times.
UA30	First figure for marriage at registered building/register office. Second figure for marriage at approved premises.
UA31	Fee for attendance at the ceremony at the register office is first figure. Second figure is ceremony at registered building. Fees include 1 certificate.
UA32	631 fee for registrar's attendance at a ceremony commencing after 4pm.
UA34	Lower prices listed for civil partnerships.
UA35	Estimate population at time of 2021 national census.
UA36	A £100 non-refundable deposit is required when booking a ceremony at the Thameside Complex Hawthorne Suite, Lacey Room or any approved premise
UA37	Population as of 2011 census. No updated information.
UA40	Population as of 2018. No updated information.
UA41	First price listed is for ceremonies before 15:30, second price is for after.
UA42	No mention of certificate being included in the price, but certificate listed as £11.
UA43	Attendance at the register office is £46. At a registered building is £86. (Register office attendance is the only option mentioned for civil partnership registration.)
UA44	According to ONS Sub-national Population Projections (based on the 2011 Census) there will be a further 6% growth in Portsmouth's population between 2011 and 2021 to reach 218,314.
UA45	Statutory ceremonies only available on Tuesday to Thursday.
UA46	Prices vary according to time ceremony is held, more expensive later in the day.
UA47	Population as of mid-2019.
UA48	Non-refundable booking fee converts to the fee for the ceremony.
UA49	£57 non-refundable booking fee, in addition to the ceremony fee at an approved premises.
UA50	Has varying fees based upon the venue selected
WUA01	Simple Ceremonies only available between 10am and noon, Monday to Friday.
WUA02	No information is provided on days and times of availability for simple ceremonies. Price is listed as £46, plus £11 for marriage certificate and £70 for notice, as well as an optional £20 "save the date".
WUA03	All ceremonies are listed as fee for the ceremony, £11 for marriage certificate and £70 for notice. Notice is not included on the spreadsheet table for consistency.
WUA04	An additional fee is charged at £75 for an outside ceremony, £40 for bespoke script and £75 - £180 for rehearsal, depending on day and time.
WUA05	No booking fee is listed, beyond an optional £20 save the date charge for simple ceremonies. This charge is not listed on any other ceremonies however.
WUA06	Booking fees vary based upon venue and the time in advance booking is made.
WUA07	Town Hall Ceremonies are listed in the same section as booking fees - no mention is made on whether this is a charge for booking, or just a charge of ceremony however. The fee is listed at £250.
WUA08	A list is given of fees for outside of standard hours. There is no mention if this is the fee itself, or an additional fee, although the latter is assumed.
WUA09	Simple Ceremonies are listed as "Register Office Ceremony Room" and are only available Monday to Wednesday. Price is consistent with simple ceremony however. No mention if this includes certificate or not.

WUA10	Booking fee is £30 for simple ceremony and £120 for outside this. Fees are reducing to £100 in April. Mention is also made of a £75 advanced booking fee, although unclear if this is additional charge, or instead of.
WUA11	No mention is made of any costs at all, beyond £35 per person for notice of marriage.
WUA12	Booking fee is listed as an optional "Save the Date" fee. This fee is also listed as £100 if the ceremony is at the Mansion House garden.
WUA13	Fees have not been updated since 2019 - there is mention of the cost increases for 2020, but nothing beyond this.
WUA14	All ceremonies, including simple ceremony, are listed as fee plus £11 for certificate.
WUA15	Simple Ceremonies are only available on a Tuesday. The cost is £46 plus £11 for a marriage certificate.
WUA16	Outside ceremonies incur an additional £100 charge.
WUA17	Fees are listed for 2019 – 2020, no mention of fees for 2021.
WUA18	Simple Ceremonies available only on Tuesday and Wednesday.
WUA19	Simple ceremony is not listed as such. Ceremony is listed as being in the register office, but the fee is consistent with this form of ceremony. No mention if this includes a marriage certificate or not.
WUA20	Simple ceremony is listed as "Register Office small room (Statutory Fee)", and it is only available Monday to Friday. Price is consistent with this ceremony, but no further information is provided. No mention if a marriage certificate is included in costs or not.
WUA21	No information is provided on costs - unsure whether this is because of COVID, as information regarding COVID is listed on all pages related to weddings, with notice that all services have been suspended due to lockdown measures.
WUA22	Simple ceremony is listed as "Register Office" and is available Monday to Friday. However, the price is consistent with this type of ceremony.
WUA23	No mention is made of any venues being available on Sundays and Bank Holidays in the costs. Unsure if this is not listed or no venues available on these days.
WUA24	Booking fees vary based upon venue. Ceremonies booked over a year in advance cost £70 extra as a service charge.
WUA25	Fees are given as £171 for ceremonies performed at "the Ceredigion County Council approved premises", although no further information is given, such as days and times of availability.
WUA26	A booking fee is mentioned, but no information is provided about the actual fee itself.
WUA27	Simple Ceremonies are available Monday to Thursday. No information is given on whether the cost includes a marriage certificate or not.
WUA28	Fees are only given for the register office.
WUA29	£46 is the listed price for simple ceremonies performed Monday to Friday. A price of £173 is also listed for the register office for Saturdays, although no further information is given on this.
WUA30	Increased fees for ceremonies performed after 5 pm
WUA31	Has varying fees based upon the venue selected
WUA32	No mention of booking fees.
WUA33	Fee for statutory ceremony is £46 plus £11 per certificate.
WUA34	No mention of simple ceremony in fees.
WUA35	Simple ceremony costs £46 excluding the marriage certificate, which is available for an extra £11.

WUA36	Cost not listed
WUA37	No mention of booking fee

Appendix III – Raw Data Table Sources

Source #	Source Link
CC01	https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/births-deaths-ceremonies/weddings-and-ceremonies/weddings/approved-venues/Documents/Approved%20Venue%20list.pdf
CC02	https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/births-deaths-ceremonies/Pages/fees.aspx
CC03	https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/ApprovedVenue
CC04	https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ceremonyfees
CC05	https://secure.viewer.zmags.com/publication/8025f4ef#/8025f4ef/46
CC06	https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/birth-death-and-ceremonies/marriage-and-civil-partnerships/ceremony-guide/fees
CC07	https://www.essex.gov.uk/get-married-in-essex/approved-venues
CC08	https://www.essex.gov.uk/get-married-in-essex/book-a-registrar
CC09	https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/wedding-ceremony-venues
CC10	https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/registration-service-fees
CC11	https://www.ceremoniesineastsussex.co.uk/find_your_perfect_venue
CC12	https://www.ceremoniesineastsussex.co.uk/fees
CC13	https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/directory/15/a_to_z
CC14	https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20000/births_deaths_marriages_and_citizenship/1282/registration_services_fees
CC15	https://www.hants.gov.uk/birthsdeathsandceremonies/marriage/approvedvenues?search=yes
CC16	https://www.hants.gov.uk/birthsdeathsandceremonies/registrationfees
CC17	https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ceremonies/book-civil-ceremony/3?documentId=9&categoryId=20014
CC18	https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ceremonies/book-civil-ceremony/4?documentId=9&categoryId=20014
CC19	https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ceremonies/book-civil-ceremony/5?documentId=9&categoryId=20014
CC20	https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory/41/a-to-z/A

CC21	https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ceremonies/give-notice-marriage-civil-partnership/2?documentId=162&categoryId=20014
CC22	https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/births-ceremonies-and-deaths/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/approved-venues
CC23	https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/births-ceremonies-and-deaths/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/costs-and-fees
CC24	https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/find-my-nearest/approved-wedding-venue/
CC25	https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/births-ceremonies-and-deaths/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/ceremony-administration/ceremony-fees/
CC26	https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage/licensed-venues/licensed-venues-in-derbyshire.aspx
CC27	https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage/civil-weddings/civil-weddings-in-derbyshire.aspx
CC28	https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-ceremonies/ceremonies/arranging-a-ceremony/#tab4
CC29	https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-ceremonies/ceremonies/arranging-a-ceremony/#tab5
CC30	http://www.celebrateinleicestershire.co.uk/venues/
CC31	http://www.celebrateinleicestershire.co.uk/yourceremony/offices/
CC32	http://www.celebrateinleicestershire.co.uk/yourceremony/fees/
CC33	https://cumbria.gov.uk/registrationservice/approved_premises/atoz.asp
CC34	https://cumbria.gov.uk/registrationservice/fees.asp
CC35	https://www.akentishceremony.com/venues/?VenueName=&VenueTypes%5B6%5D=6&VenueTypes%5B10%5D=10&VenueTypes%5B7%5D=7&VenueTypes%5B8%5D=8&VenueTypes%5B11%5D=11&VenueTypes%5B14%5D=14&VenueTypes%5B9%5D=9&VenueTypes%5B15%5D=15&VenueTypes%5B16%5D=16&VenueTypes%5B17%5D=17&VenueTypes%5B13%5D=13&VenueTypes%5B12%5D=12&action_doFilterForm=Search
CC36	https://www.akentishceremony.com/assets/Fees-2020-23.pdf
CC37	https://www.somersetweddingservice.org.uk/directory-type/venue-directory/
CC38	https://www.somersetweddingservice.org.uk/marriages-partnerships/more-information/

CC39	https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/community-and-living/births-deaths-and-ceremonies/weddings-and-other-ceremonies/marriages/places-get-married/approved-venues-civil-ceremonies
CC40	https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/community-and-living/births-deaths-and-ceremonies/fees
CC41	https://www.staffordshirewedding.info/choosing-a-venue/approved-venues/
CC42	https://www.staffordshirewedding.info/view-costs/
CC43	https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-marriages-and-citizenship/ceremonies/approved-venues-in-hertfordshire.aspx
CC44	https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-marriages-and-citizenship/register-office-opening-times/register-office-opening-times.aspx
CC45	https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-marriages-and-citizenship/ceremonies/weddings.aspx#DynamicJumpMenuManager_1_Anchor_2
CC46	https://www.gloucestershireregistrationservice.co.uk/venues/find-a-venue/?searchContext=29267&page=1
CC47	https://www.gloucestershireregistrationservice.co.uk/your-ceremony/ceremony-fees/
LB01	https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages-and-citizenship/ceremony-venues-in-redbridge/
LB02	https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages-and-citizenship/booking-a-registrar/
LB03	https://directory.londoncouncils.gov.uk/demographics/
LB04	https://hackney.gov.uk/approved-premises
LB05	https://hackney.gov.uk/registrars-fees
LB06	https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/births-marriages-and-deaths/approved-ceremony-venues/
LB07	https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/marriages-and-civil-ceremonies
LB08	https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201034/births_deaths_marriages/735/fees_and_charges_for_births_deaths_and_marriages
LB09	https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/68/approved_premises_for_marriages_and_civil_partnerships

LB10	https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/ceremonies-and-venues/marriage-ceremonies
LB11	https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/ceremonies-and-venues/venues-ceremonies-and-celebrations
LB12	https://www.haringey.gov.uk/births-death-and-marriages/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/approved-premises#fees
LB13	https://www.haringey.gov.uk/births-death-and-marriages/register-office-and-civic-suite-fees-and-charges
LB14	https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages-and-citizenship/ceremony-at-the-register-office/
LB15	https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/registration_services/marriage_and_civil_partnerships/marriage_venues
LB16	https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/registration_services/registration_service_fees
LB17	https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/wedding-and-civil-partnership-ceremony-venues
LB18	https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/fees-marriage-and-civil-partnership
LB19	https://www.adaytoremember.london/venues
LB20	https://www.adaytoremember.london/registrars
LB21	https://www.barnet.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/charges-marriage-civil-partnership-and
LB22	https://www.barnet.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/ceremony-venues
LB23	https://www.akentishceremony.com/assets/Fees-2019-22-.pdf
LB24	https://www.akentishceremony.com/venues/?VenueName=&VenueTypes%5B6%5D=6&VenueTypes%5B10%5D=10&VenueTypes%5B7%5D=7&VenueTypes%5B8%5D=8&VenueTypes%5B11%5D=11&VenueTypes%5B14%5D=14&VenueTypes%5B9%5D=9&VenueTypes%5B15%5D=15&VenueTypes%5B16%5D=16&VenueTypes%5B17%5D=17&VenueTypes%5B13%5D=13&VenueTypes%5B12%5D=12&action_doFilterForm=Search
LB25	https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage-and-civil-partnership/marriage

LB26	https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200067/marriages/194/approved marriage and civil partnership venues in bromley
LB27	https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200067/marriages_and_civil_partnerships
LB28	https://www.camden.gov.uk/camden-venues
LB29	https://www.camden.gov.uk/marriage-and-civil-partnership-fees
LB30	https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-and-marriages/enfield-register-office-fees/#4
LB31	https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriages/#8
LB32	https://www.harrow.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages/venues-marriages-civil-partnerships/2
LB33	https://www.harrow.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages/venues-marriages-civil-partnerships/3
LB34	https://www.sayidoislington.com/ceremony-venues/other-venues/
LB35	https://www.sayidoislington.com/prices/
LB36	https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-and-marriages
LB37	https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/marry-me-in-kensington-and-chelsea/venues
LB38	https://lewisham.gov.uk/my services/birthsdeaths marriagescp/book-your-ceremony-with-us
LB39	https://www.merton.gov.uk/births-marriages-and-deaths/register-office/book-a-ceremony-at-merton-register-office
LB40	https://www.merton.gov.uk/births-marriages-and-deaths/approved-venues
LB41	http://app.southwark.gov.uk/Licensing/LicMarriageGrantedResults.asp?TypeDesc=Marriage%20Licence&RegisterType=LMA&CaseNumber=&TradingName=&ApplicantName=&StreetName=%25&PostCode=%25&Ward=&batch=5&submit=Continue
LB42	https://www.southwark.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriage-civil-partnership-and-citizenship/marriage-and-civil-partnership/booking-a-venue?chapter=4
LB43	https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/advice_and_benefits/Births-deaths-and-marriages/Marriages/Licensed_venues.aspx
LB44	https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/advice_and_benefits/Births-deaths-and-marriages/Register_office_fees.aspx

LB45	https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgn/advice_and_benefits/Births-deaths-and-marriages/Marriages/Getting_married_guide.aspx
MD01	https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-and-marriages/registration-charges/
MD02	https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/licensing/civil-ceremony-venues-and-licences/
MD03	https://www.bradford.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/fees/certificate-and-ceremony-fees/
MD04	https://www.bradford.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/approved-premises/approved-premises-in-bradford-and-keighley/
MD05	https://www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10517
MD06	https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/births-marriages-and-deaths/approved-venues-ceremonies
MD07	https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/births-marriages-and-deaths/marriage-and-civil-partnership/fees
MD08	https://www.ceremoniesinsidecoventry.co.uk/homepage/18/ceremony-fees-from-1-april-2020---31-march-2021
MD09	https://www.ceremoniesinsidecoventry.co.uk/approvedvenues
MD10	https://www.bolton.gov.uk/marriages-civil-partnerships/venues-approved-civil-ceremonies?documentId=283&categoryId=20014
MD11	https://www.bolton.gov.uk/marriages-civil-partnerships/marriages-civil-partnerships-1
MD12	https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/births-marriages-deaths-nationality/registering-a-marriage
MD13	https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/births-marriages-deaths-nationality/approved-premises-for-civil-marriages
MD14	https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/11080/Wedding-venues-in-Gateshead
MD15	https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2846/Fees-and-charges
MD16	https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/weddings/our-venues.aspx
MD17	https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/register-offices/registrars-fees.aspx
MD18	https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/200067/marriages_and_civil_partnerships/4911/venues_licensed_to_hold_weddings_or_civil_partnerships/4

MD19	https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/200067/marriages_and_civil_partnerships/644/organise_a_marriage/4
MD20	https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/list-approved-premises
MD21	https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-and-marriages/newcastle-registration-service/register-office-fees#ceremonies
MD22	https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/683/civil-marriages-and-partnerships
MD23	http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriage-and-civil-partnerships/Pages/fees.aspx
MD24	http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/locations-for-ceremonies/Pages/marriage-venues.aspx
MD25	https://www.salford.gov.uk/births-marriages-and-deaths/getting-married-and-civil-partnerships/ceremony-fees/
MD26	https://www.salford.gov.uk/births-marriages-and-deaths/getting-married-and-civil-partnerships/where-to-get-married/
MD27	https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200172/weddings_and_civil_partnerships/2083/approved_wedding_venues_in_sandwell
MD28	https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200167/births_marriages_deaths/2082/book_a_wedding_or_civil_partnership_at_sandwell_register_office
MD29	https://www.sefton.gov.uk/births-marriages-and-deaths/getting-married/
MD30	https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Births-marriages-deaths-and-citizenship/Approved-venues
MD31	https://www.solihull.gov.uk/sites/default/files/migrated/BirthsMarriagesandDeaths_Aproved_premises_fees%255B1%255D.pdf
MD32	https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/34820/Register-Office-fees
MD33	https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/34804/Ceremony-venues
MD34	https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage-at-approved-venues-in-st-helens/
MD35	https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage-at-st-helens-registration-service/the-register-office/
MD36	https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage-at-st-helens-registration-service/the-ceremony-room/

MD37	https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage-at-st-helens-registration-service/the-council-chamber/
MD38	https://www.stockport.gov.uk/info-for-getting-married/marriage-fees
MD39	https://www.stockport.gov.uk/wedding-venues/approved-wedding-venues
MD40	https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/15299/Marriage-and-civil-partnership-fees
MD41	https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/12456/Ceremony-venues
MD42	https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Documents/community-housing/community/births-marriages-deaths/registrars/approved-venues-public-register.pdf
MD43	https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Documents/community-housing/community/births-marriages-deaths/registrars/ceremony-fees-april-2021.pdf
MD44	https://go.walsall.gov.uk/births_marriages_and_deaths/marriages_and_civil_partnerships
MD45	https://go.walsall.gov.uk/births_marriages_and_deaths/registration_services/registration_services_fees
MD46	https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Births-Marriage-Deaths/Marriages-and-Civil-Partnerships/Approved-venues.aspx
MD47	https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Births-Marriage-Deaths/Weddings/Price-list.aspx
MD48	http://www.wolverhamptonweddings.com/venues/index.html
MD49	http://www.wolverhamptonweddings.com/booking/terms.html
UA01	https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/licences-and-permits/lists-and-public-registers/approved-marriage-licence-register
UA02	https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/births-marriages-deaths/registrars-fees/registrar-attendance-approved-premises-fees
UA03	https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/births-marriages-deaths/registrars-fees/certificate-fees
UA04	https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/births-marriages-deaths/registrars-fees/marriage-fees
UA05	https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages-civil-partnership-and-citizenship/ceremonies-and-approved-venues/plan-0
UA06	https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages-civil-partnership-and-citizenship/ceremonies-and-approved-venues/fees-and
UA07	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages/approved-ceremony-venues-within-bristol

UA08	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages/planning-your-ceremony
UA09	https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/49/registration_services/485/marriages_civil_partnerships_and_celebratory_services/4
UA11	https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/births-deaths-and-marriage/marriage-and-civil-partnerships/fees-for-marriage-and-civil-pa.aspx
UA12	https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/births-deaths-and-marriage/marriage-and-civil-partnerships/approved-ceremony-venues.aspx
UA13	https://www.stockton.gov.uk/our-council/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage-and-civil-partnership-ceremonies/
UA14	https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1959185/ceremonies-in-stockton-on-tees-coms0003_2019.pdf
UA15	https://www.derby.gov.uk/community-and-living/marriages/marriage-arrangement-ceremonies/
UA16	https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages/weddings-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/give-notice-of-marriage-or-civil-partnership.aspx
UA17	https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages/weddings-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/wedding-venues.aspx#/
UA18	https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages/weddings-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage-and-civil-partnership-ceremony-fees.aspx
UA19	https://weddingsinhalton.co.uk/our-venues/
UA20	https://weddingsinhalton.co.uk/docs/pricelist2021.pdf
UA21	https://www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/Democratic-and-Registration-Services/Registration-of-Marriages-and-Civil-Partnerships/Giving-Notice-and-Fees
UA22	https://www.iow.gov.uk/azservices/documents/1476-Venue-List-FEB-2018.pdf
UA23	https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/community-and-living/births-deaths-and-ceremonies/registrars/ceremony-venues
UA25	https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200270/ceremony_venues
UA26	https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/middlesbrough-register-office/register-office-fees
UA27	https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/weddings-and-civil-partnerships-approved-venues

UA28	https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/births-marriages-and-deaths/register-office-fees-1-april-2020-to-31-march-2021#Marriage
UA29	https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/births-marriages-and-deaths/marriages-and-ceremonies/where-can-i-get-married-or-hold-a-ceremony
UA30	https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/community-advice-and-support/ceremonies/#1533823414438-ed138f8e-2d37
UA31	https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/births-marriages-deaths/registrar-fees-charges/registrar-register-office-fees
UA32	https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/births-marriages-deaths/marriages-civil-partnerships/approved-venues
UA33	https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/births-deaths-marriages/marriages-civil-partnerships-other-ceremonies/giving-notice-of-a-marriage-or-civil-partnership
UA33	https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/register-office/marriages-civil-partnerships/
UA34	https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/births-deaths-marriages/marriages-civil-partnerships-other-ceremonies/how-do-i-get-married-at-the-council-house-or-book-a-registrar/
UA35	https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/births-deaths-marriages/marriages-civil-partnerships-other-ceremonies/getting-married-at-nottingham-heritage-sites/
UA36	https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/register-office/civil-ceremonies-approved-portsmouth-venues/
UA37	https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200135/births_ceremonies_deaths/34/fees_and_charges/2
UA38	https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriages-and-partnerships/plan-your-ceremony/ceremony-fees/
UA39	https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriages-and-partnerships/plan-your-ceremony/book-a-marriage-or-civil-partnership-ceremony/
UA40	file:///Users/nilukshihettiarachige/Downloads/List%20of%20Rutland%20Approved%20Premises%20May%202020.pdf

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UA41	https://www.slough.gov.uk/marriage-civil-partnerships/giving-notice-marriage-civil-partnership?documentId=34&categoryId=20036
UA42	https://www.slough.gov.uk/marriage-civil-partnerships/weddings-approved-venues/1
UA43	https://www.slough.gov.uk/marriage-civil-partnerships/register-office-weddings-civil-partnerships/2?documentId=35&categoryId=20036
UA44	https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/give-notice-of-marriage-or-civil-partnership/
UA45	https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/getting-married-or-having-a-civil-partnership/#mcetoc_1d68ovldtpk
UA46	https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/getting-married-or-having-a-civil-partnership/#mcetoc_1d68ovldtpi
UA48	https://www.southend.gov.uk/directory/7/a-to-z/A
UA49	https://www.southend.gov.uk/marriage-civil-partnerships/getting-married-registering-civil-partnership-1
UA50	https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20054/marriages_and_civil_partnerships/88/approved_premises_for_weddings_and_civil_partnerships
UA51	https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20054/marriages_and_civil_partnerships/81/giving_notice_of_marriage
UA52	https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20054/marriages_and_civil_partnerships/85/where_can_you_get_married_in_stoke-on-trent/2
UA53	https://www.swindon.gov.uk/directory/12/marriages_and_civil_partnerships_-_venues
UA54	https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20052/marriage_and_civil_partnerships/181/find_out_about_legal_preliminaries_and_fees
UA55	https://www.telford.gov.uk/directory/29/find_an_approved_venue
UA56	https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20238/births/3925/ceremony_fees
UA57	https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/marriage-and-civil-partnership/approved-premises-in-thurrock
UA58	https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/marriage-and-civil-partnership/marriage-registration
UA59	https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/marriage-and-civil-partnership/fees-and-charges
UA60	https://www.torbay.gov.uk/registrar/marriages/marriage-fees/

UA61	https://www.torbay.gov.uk/registrar/marriages/approved-venues/
UA62	https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/registrations-service-fees
UA63	https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/registrations-approved-venues
UA64	https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/births-marriages-deaths/weddings-in-cornwall/ceremony-type/wedding-ceremony-packages/no-frills-wedding/
UA65	https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/births-marriages-deaths/weddings-in-cornwall/ceremony-type/wedding-ceremony-packages/distinctive-ceremony/distinctive-wedding-fees/
UA66	https://eastridingceremonies.co.uk/
UA67	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/births-deaths-marriages/organise-marriage/3
UA68	https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/births-deaths-and-ceremonies/marriages-and-civil-partnerships#ceremony-fees-4-3
UA69	https://www.warrington.gov.uk/fees-and-charges-marriage-and-civil-partnership
WUA01	https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/resident/births-deaths-marriages/weddingscivil-partnershipsbespoke-designer-ceremonies/
WUA02	https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/resident/births-deaths-marriages/fees-charges/
WUA03	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/births-deaths-and-marriages/getting-married/
WUA04	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/births-deaths-and-marriages/current-fees/
WUA05	https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/ceremony-venues/
WUA06	https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil-partnerships/register-office-ceremony-rooms/#.YBa8jHmnyUm
WUA07	https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/births-deaths-marriages-civil-partnerships/marriage-and-civil-partnership/approved-premises/
WUA08	https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/media/3780/fees.pdf
WUA09	https://www.cardiffregisteroffice.co.uk/approved-venues/
WUA10	https://www.cardiffregisteroffice.co.uk/register-office/
WUA11	https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Births-marriages-and-deaths/Approved-Premises/Approved-Premises-in-Conwy/Approved-Premises-in-Conwy.aspx
WUA12	https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Births-marriages-and-deaths/Birth-Marriages-Deaths-Fees/Registration-Fees.aspx
WUA13	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/births-marriages-and-deaths/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/approved-premises-for-marriage-and-civil-partnership-ceremonies.aspx

WUA14	https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/births-marriages-and-deaths/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/booking-and-fees.aspx
WUA15	https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Registration-Service/Approved-Premises.aspx
WUA16	https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Registration-Service/Fees-for-Registration-Services.aspx
WUA17	https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Documents-Residents/Births-marriages-deaths-documents/List-of-approved-premises-for-weddings-2017-18.pdf
WUA18	https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Documents-Residents/Births-marriages-deaths-documents/ceremonyfees-2019-2020.pdf
WUA19	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/documents/Docs-en/Registrar/Llawlyfr-Dathliadau-2020-Celebration-Guide.pdf
WUA20	https://www.anglesey.gov.uk/documents/Docs-en/Finance/Fees-and-charges/Fees-and-Charges.pdf
WUA21	https://www.npt.gov.uk/1323#approved
WUA22	http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Council-Democracy/Registrar-service/Marriage-and-civil-partnership/Wedding-venues.aspx
WUA23	http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Council-Democracy/Registrar-service/Fees/Marriage-and-civil-partnership-fees.aspx
WUA24	https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/venues-approved-for-civil-ceremonies
WUA25	https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/marriages-and-civil-partnerships/marriage-civil-partnership-how-much-will-it-cost
WUA26	https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/2505/Where-to-get-married-in-Powys
WUA27	https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/2555/Marriage-and-Civil-Ceremonies-fees
WUA28	https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/BirthsMarriagesandDeaths/Marriages/Ceremonyvenuespricesandbookinginformation.aspx
WUA29	https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/BirthsMarriagesandDeaths/TableofLocalAuthoritysetregistrationfees.aspx
WUA30	https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/BirthsDeathsCeremonies/Marriages-CivilPartnerships/Marriage-arranging/Arranging-a-Civil-Marriage.aspx

WUA31	https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/BirthsDeathsCeremonies/Registration-Fees/Fees.aspx
WUA32	https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/wrexham-register-office/approved-premises-civil-marriages-and-civil-partnerships

Appendix IV – Financial Analysis Raw Data Table

Local Authority	Type of Authority	Region	Expensive or Cheap	Expenditure	Income	Surplus/Deficit	Surplus /Deficit %	Fees, Charges & Other Service Income	Percentage of Income	Population	Council Tax	Council Tax/ Capita	FCOSI/ Capita
Northamptonshire	County Council	East Midlands	Cheap	£1,102,961,000.00	£973,542,000.00	-£129,419,000.00	-11.73%	£121,270,000.00	12.46%	753,278	£278,402,000.00	£369.59	£160.99
Lincolnshire	County Council	East Midlands	Cheap	£1,099,228,000.00	£1,053,754,000.00	-£45,474,000.00	-4.14%	£149,990,000.00	14.23%	1,087,659	£264,353,000.00	£243.05	£137.90
North Yorkshire	County Council	Yorkshire and the Humber	Cheap	£1,093,911,000.00	£1,011,770,000.00	-£82,141,000.00	-7.51%	£155,497,000.00	15.37%	1,158,816	£272,423,000.00	£235.09	£134.19
Somerset	County Council	South West England	Cheap	£883,242,000.00	£821,258,000.00	-£61,984,000.00	-7.02%	£125,865,000.00	15.33%	965,424	£217,487,000.00	£225.28	£130.37
Leicestershire	County Council	East Midlands	Cheap	£1,391,300,000.00	£1,247,793,000.00	-£143,507,000.00	-10.31%	£395,248,000.00	31.68%	706,155	£101,382,000.00	£143.57	£559.72
Barnet	London Borough	London	Cheap	£1,109,185,000.00	£1,121,208,000.00	£12,023,000.00	1.08%	£219,630,000.00	19.59%	392,140	£162,160,000.00	£413.53	£560.08
Ealing	London Borough	London	Cheap	£1,237,995,000.00	£1,173,097,000.00	-£64,898,000.00	-5.24%	£239,466,000.00	20.41%	341,982	£122,781,000.00	£359.03	£700.23
Waltham Forest	London Borough	London	Cheap	£914,319,000.00	£1,026,283,000.00	£111,964,000.00	12.25%			276,700	£95,370,000.00	£344.67	
Barking and Dagenham	London Borough	London	Cheap	£1,057,590,000.00	£1,033,706,000.00	-£23,884,000.00	-2.26%	£256,038,000.00	24.77%	211,998	£71,342,000.00	£336.52	£1,207.74
Hammersmith and Fulham	London Borough	London	Cheap	£758,475,000.00	£696,695,000.00	-£61,780,000.00	-8.15%	£239,562,000.00	34.39%	185,426	£55,438,000.00	£298.98	£1,291.95
Walsall Borough Council	Metropolitan District	West Midlands	Cheap	£716,540,000.00	£760,081,000.00	£43,541,000.00	6.08%	£65,422,000.00	8.61%	285,478	£110,030,000.00	£385.42	£229.17
Barnsley Borough Council	Metropolitan District	Yorkshire and the Humber	Cheap	£717,994,000.00	£616,950,000.00	-£101,044,000.00	-14.07%	£135,484,000.00	21.96%	246,866	£89,394,000.00	£362.12	£548.82
Salford City Council	Metropolitan District	North West England	Cheap	£770,869,000.00	£707,532,000.00	-£63,337,000.00	-8.22%	£88,295,000.00	12.48%	258,834	£92,859,000.00	£358.76	£341.13
Doncaster Borough Council	Metropolitan District	Yorkshire and the Humber	Cheap	£801,197,000.00	£700,477,000.00	-£100,720,000.00	-12.57%	£147,745,000.00	21.09%	311,890	£101,931,000.00	£326.82	£473.71
Sandwell Borough Council	Metropolitan District	West Midlands	Cheap	£886,010,000.00	£952,755,000.00	£66,745,000.00	7.53%	£192,892,000.00	20.25%	328,450	£92,268,000.00	£280.92	£587.28

Cheshire West and Chester Council	Unitary Authority	North West England	Cheap	£821,865,000.00	£779,234,000.00	-£42,631,000.00	-5.19%	£133,461,000.00	17.13%	340,500	£167,603,000.00	£492.23	£391.96
North Lincolnshire Council	Unitary Authority	Yorkshire and the Humber	Cheap	£387,198,000.00	£358,324,000.00	-£28,874,000.00	-7.46%	£41,070,000.00	11.46%	172,005	£67,310,000.00	£391.33	£238.77
Slough Borough Council	Unitary Authority	South East England	Cheap	£436,770,000.00	£370,492,000.00	-£66,278,000.00	-15.17%	£72,931,000.00	19.68%	149,112	£52,328,000.00	£350.93	£489.10
Derby City Council	Unitary Authority	East Midlands	Cheap	£749,070,000.00	£731,186,000.00	-£17,884,000.00	-2.39%	£162,489,000.00	22.22%	256,200	£86,424,000.00	£337.33	£634.23
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	Unitary Authority	North West England	Cheap	£418,172,000.00	£396,495,000.00	-£21,677,000.00	-5.18%	£57,181,000.00	14.42%	148,900	£46,725,000.00	£313.80	£384.02
Bridgend County Borough Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Cheap	£449,585,000.00	£435,066,000.00	-£14,519,000.00	-3.23%	£51,924,000.00	11.93%	49,404	£84,617,000.00	£1,712.76	£1,051.01
Gwynedd Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Cheap	£398,756,000.00	£383,355,000.00	-£15,401,000.00	-3.86%	£50,785,000.00	13.25%	124,560	£76,608,000.00	£615.03	£407.72
Powys County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Cheap	£441,312,000.00	£428,681,000.00	-£12,631,000.00	-2.86%			132,435	£78,192,000.00	£590.42	
Carmarthenshire County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Cheap	£702,263,000.00	£663,476,000.00	-£38,787,000.00	-5.52%	£148,317,000.00	22.35%	188,771	£104,020,000.00	£551.04	£785.70
City of Cardiff Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Cheap	£1,246,081,000.00	£1,213,834,000.00	-£32,247,000.00	-2.59%	£205,283,000.00	16.91%	366,903	£189,025,000.00	£515.19	£559.50
Oxfordshire	County Council	South East England	Expensive	£971,959,000.00	£917,980,000.00	-£53,979,000.00	-5.55%	£65,475,000.00	7.13%	687,524	£333,213,000.00	£484.66	£95.23
East Sussex	County Council	South East England	Expensive	£1,197,437,000.00	£1,159,579,000.00	-£37,858,000.00	-3.16%	£73,490,000.00	6.34%	557,229	£242,631,000.00	£435.42	£131.88
Cumbria	County Council	North East England	Expensive	£860,821,000.00	£880,026,000.00	£19,205,000.00	2.23%	£64,105,000.00	7.28%	498,888	£215,882,000.00	£432.73	£128.50
Essex	County Council	East of England	Expensive	£2,163,331,000.00	£2,024,696,000.00	-£138,635,000.00	-6.41%	£259,303,000.00	12.81%	1,489,189	£607,448,000.00	£407.91	£174.12
Kent	County Council	South East England	Expensive	£2,721,122,000.00	£2,583,614,000.00	-£137,508,000.00	-5.05%	£533,114,000.00	20.63%	1,846,478	£629,040,000.00	£340.67	£288.72
Haringey	London Borough	London	Expensive	£986,983,000.00	£775,168,000.00	-£211,815,000.00	-21.46%	£238,496,000.00	30.77%	270,624	£97,735,000.00	£361.15	£881.28

Islington	London Borough	London	Expensive	£1,125,983,000.00	£1,069,420,000.00	-£56,563,000.00	-5.02%	£324,223,000.00	30.32%	239,142	£82,799,000.00	£346.23	£1,355.78
Southwark	London Borough	London	Expensive	£1,370,368,000.00	£1,290,552,000.00	-£79,816,000.00	-5.82%	£468,299,000.00	36.29%	317,256	£97,348,000.00	£306.84	£1,476.09
Hackney	London Borough	London	Expensive	£1,392,613,000.00	£1,426,642,000.00	£34,029,000.00	2.44%	£482,386,000.00	33.81%	279,665	£75,335,000.00	£269.38	£1,724.87
Tower Hamlets	London Borough	London	Expensive							317,705			
Solihull Borough Council	Metropolitan District	West Midlands	Expensive	£541,378,000.00	£494,641,000.00	-£46,737,000.00	-8.63%	£108,490,000.00	21.93%	216,374	£102,644,000.00	£474.38	£501.40
Gateshead Borough Council	Metropolitan District	North East England	Expensive	£609,799,000.00	£587,322,000.00	-£22,477,000.00	-3.69%	£60,667,000.00	10.33%	202,055	£83,685,000.00	£414.17	£300.25
North Tyneside Borough Council	Metropolitan District	North East England	Expensive	£591,138,000.00	£605,936,000.00	£14,798,000.00	2.50%	£139,906,000.00	23.09%	207,913	£85,342,000.00	£410.47	£672.91
Kirklees Borough Council	Metropolitan District	Yorkshire and the Humber	Expensive	£1,121,793,000.00	£1,110,546,000.00	-£11,247,000.00	-1.00%	£176,016,000.00	15.85%	439,787	£161,612,000.00	£367.48	£400.23
Coventry City Council	Metropolitan District	West Midlands	Expensive	£881,071,000.00	£881,719,000.00	£648,000.00	0.07%	£162,078,000.00	18.38%	371,521	£123,286,000.00	£331.84	£436.26
Swindon Borough Council	Unitary Authority	South West England	Expensive	£534,767,000.00	£497,092,000.00	-£37,675,000.00	-7.05%	£127,321,000.00	25.61%	221,996	£130,797,000.00	£589.19	£573.53
Brighton and Hove City Council	Unitary Authority	South East England	Expensive	£857,450,000.00	£862,612,000.00	£5,162,000.00	0.60%	£203,892,000.00	23.64%	289,900	£129,340,000.00	£446.15	£703.32
Milton Keynes Council	Unitary Authority	South East England	Expensive	£652,038,000.00	£688,920,000.00	£36,882,000.00	5.66%	£107,508,000.00	15.61%	282,445	£113,661,000.00	£402.42	£380.63
Peterborough Council	Unitary Authority	East of England	Expensive	£588,039,000.00	£531,614,000.00	-£56,425,000.00	-9.60%	£130,864,000.00	24.62%	203,600	£69,029,000.00	£339.04	£642.75
Dorset Council	Unitary Authority	South West England	Expensive							375,000			
Ceredigion County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Expensive	£236,170,000.00	£244,028,000.00	£7,858,000.00	3.33%			72,695	£44,708,000.00	£615.01	
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Expensive	£255,585,000.00	£245,412,000.00	-£10,173,000.00	-3.98%	£18,727,000.00	7.63%	69,862	£36,826,000.00	£527.12	£268.06
Conwy County Borough Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Expensive	£382,927,000.00	£356,072,000.00	-£26,855,000.00	-7.01%	£63,434,000.00	17.81%	117,203	£61,559,000.00	£525.23	£541.23

Flintshire County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Expensive	£464,879,000.00	£439,136,000.00	-£25,743,000.00	-5.54%	£71,691,000.00	16.33%	156,100	£79,350,000.00	£508.33	£459.26
Pembrokeshire County Council	Welsh Unitary Authority	Wales	Expensive	£400,967,000.00	£391,681,000.00	-£9,286,000.00	-2.32%	£56,927,000.00	14.53%	125,818	£63,415,000.00	£504.02	£452.46

Note: Authorities highlighted in yellow are omitted from the financial analysis.

Appendix V – Financial Analysis Data Sources

Local Authority	Source
Northamptonshire	https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/council-and-democracy/budgets-and-spending/Documents/Final%20NCC%20Statement%20of%20Accounts%202017-18.pdf
Lincolnshire	https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/2406/statement-of-accounts-2017-18-pdfa
North Yorkshire	https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fileroot/About%20the%20council/Spending/Statement_of_accounts_2017-18.pdf
Somerset	https://www.somerset.gov.uk/how-the-council-works/budgets-and-accounts/
Leicestershire	https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/185523/statement-of-accounts-2017-2018.pdf
Barnet	https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/assets/citizenportal/documents/Performance/SOA270718.pdf
Ealing	https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/4827/statement_of_accounts_201718
Waltham Forest	https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/statement-of-accounts-2017-18%20Final.pdf
Barking and Dagenham	https://www.lbld.gov.uk/sites/default/files/attachments/Audited-Statement-of-Accounts-2017-18.pdf
Hammersmith and Fulham	https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section_attachments/statement_of_accounts_2017-18.pdf
Walsall Borough Council	https://go.walsall.gov.uk/Portals/0/Uploads/AboutTheCouncil/2017-18%20Financial%20Report%20Signed.pdf
Barnsley Borough Council	https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/17922/bmbc-audited-statement-of-accounts-201819.pdf
Salford City Council	https://www.salford.gov.uk/media/392859/statement-of-accounts-2017-to-2018.pdf
Doncaster Borough Council	https://dmbcwebstolive01.blob.core.windows.net/media/Default/Council%20and%20Democracy/Statement%20of%20Accounts%202017-18.pdf
Sandwell Borough Council	https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/downloads/file/27723/statement_of_accounts_2017_-_2018_final_audited
Cheshire West and Chester Council	https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/how-we-work/budgets-and-finance/documents/statement-of-accounts-2017-18.pdf
North Lincolnshire Council	https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/NLC-Accounts-2017-2018.pdf
Slough Borough Council	https://www.slough.gov.uk/downloads/file/818/final-statement-of-accounts-2017-18
Derby City Council	https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/reports/DerbyCityCouncil_final_statment_of_accounts_2017-2018.pdf
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/pdfs/State ment-of-accounts%202017-18.pdf
Bridgend County Borough Council	https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/media/4561/state ment-of-accounts-2017-18.pdf
Gwynedd Council	https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Council/Documents---Council/Performance-and-spending/State ment-of-Accounts-17-18/Statement-of-Accounts-2017-18.pdf
Powys County Council	https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7469/Council-Accounts
Carmarthenshire County Council	https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1215793/statement-of-accounts-2017-18.pdf

City of Cardiff Council	https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/Your-Council/Council-finance/Managing-the-Councils-Finances/Documents/Managing%20Accounts%202017-18/011.%20Cardiff%20Council%20Statement%20of%20Accounts%202017-18.pdf
Oxfordshire	https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/council-tax-and-finance-audit-and-accounts/StatementofAccounts2017-18.pdf
East Sussex	https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/finance/spend/download/
Cumbria	https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/finance/finance/copy_of_accounts201718.asp
Essex	https://assets.ctfassets.net/knkzaf64jx5x/3HGjB8yYkixi78wviQaWp/b27f717f9c5225b7111d53d38ca149c/Statement_of_accounts_2017_2018.pdf
Kent	https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/83710/Statement-of-accounts-2017-2018.pdf
Haringey	https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/haringey_statement_of_accounts_2017-18.pdf
Islington	https://www.islington.gov.uk/-/media/sharepoint-lists/public-records/finance/financialmanagement/adviceandinformation/20192020/20190806Ibislingtonstatementofaccounts201819.pdf
Southwark	https://www.southwark.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/key-documents/statement-of-accounts
Hackney	https://hackney.gov.uk/accounts
Tower Hamlets	https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Ign/council_and_democracy/council_budgets_and_spending/annual_accounts.aspx
Solihull Borough Council	https://www.solihull.gov.uk/sites/default/files/migrated/PerformanceAndSpending_Accounting-Statement-2018-19.pdf
Gateshead Borough Council	https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/media/9291/Statement-of-Accounts-2017-18/pdf/Statement_of_Accounts_17-18_Final.pdf?m=636686507473330000
North Tyneside Borough Council	https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/Audited%202017-18%20Statement%20of%20Accounts.pdf
Kirklees Borough Council	https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/delivering-services/pdf/statement-of-accounts-2017-18.pdf
Coventry City Council	https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/27275/statement_of_accounts_2017-2018
Swindon Borough Council	https://www.swindon.gov.uk/downloads/file/3609/statement_of_annual_accounts_2017-18
Brighton and Hove City Council	https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/default/files/migrated/article/inline/BHCC%20Statement%20of%20Accounts%202017-18%20FINAL%20PUBLISHED.pdf
Milton Keynes Council	https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/council-information-and-accounts/data-performance-and-spending/statement-of-accounts-and-annual-audit-and-inspection-letter
Peterborough Council	https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/asset-library/imported-assets/StatementofAccounts201718.pdf
Dorset Council	https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/about-your-council/budgets-and-spending/annual-accounts.aspx
Ceredigion County Council	https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/media/4512/stmnt-of-accts-1718-eng-final.pdf
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/fileadmin/documents/Business/BudgetsSpending/Statement_of_Accounts_Unaudited_2017-18.pdf
Conwy County Borough Council	https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Council/Accountability/Budget-information/assets/documents-budgets/documents-statements/Statement-of-accounts-2017-2018.pdf
Flintshire County Council	https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Statement-of-Accounts/Statement-of-Accounts-2017-18.pdf
Pembrokeshire County Council	https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/finance-and-business/statement-of-accounts

Appendix VI – Authorities which do not list simple (statutory) ceremony costs on their website

- East Sussex
- Essex
- Hampshire
- Warwickshire
- Barnet
- Brent
- Bromley
- Ealing
- Hackney
- Harrow
- Kensington and Chelsea
- Lewisham
- Merton
- Tower Hamlets
- Bolton Borough Council
- Bury Borough Council
- Walsall Borough Council
- Ceredigion County Council
- City of Cardiff Council
- Isle of Anglesey County Council
- Neath Port Talbot Council
- Wrexham County Council Borough

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